

## Situational Awareness Report: Mexican Arrivals

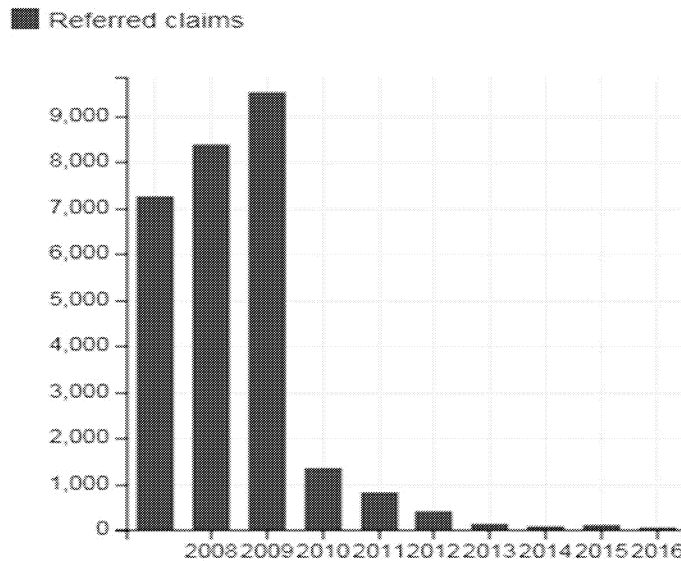
### Effects of Current Legislative Changes to Visa Requirements for Mexican Nationals

Historically, Mexican citizens travelling, via land border, to Canada with the intention of claiming refugee status were never required to obtain a visa prior to their arrival. Therefore the impact of the visa lift regulations slated to begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, in these scenarios, should have a nominal effect on land border operations. However, it is likely that the volume of such travellers may increase, and be more in line with referred claims prior to the Mexican Visa Requirement being established in 2009.

### Nationwide Land and Air:

## Mexican refugee claims, 2007-16

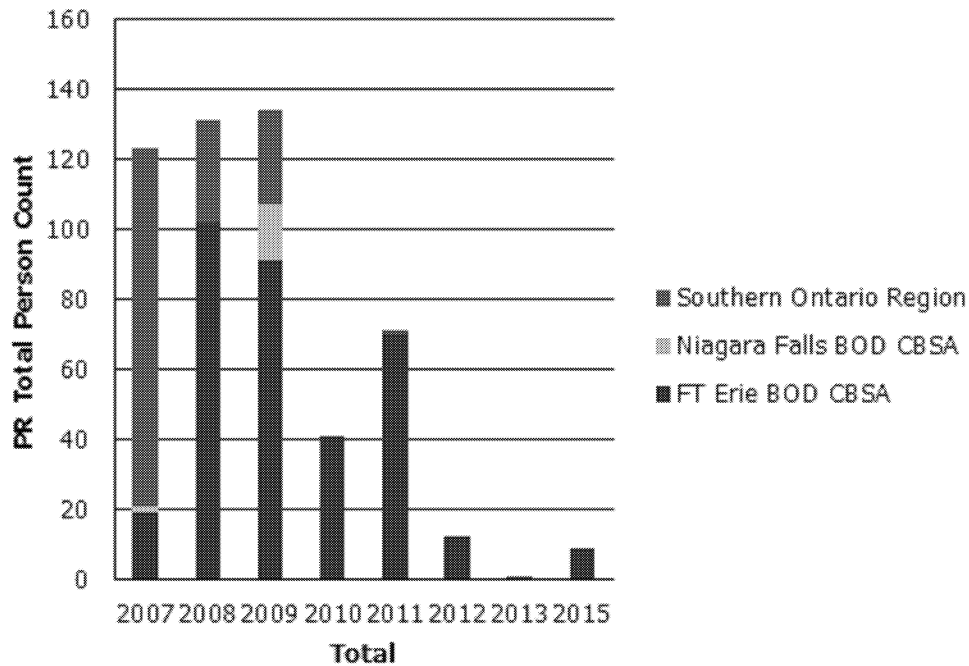
Visas imposed for Mexican visitors on July 14, 2009



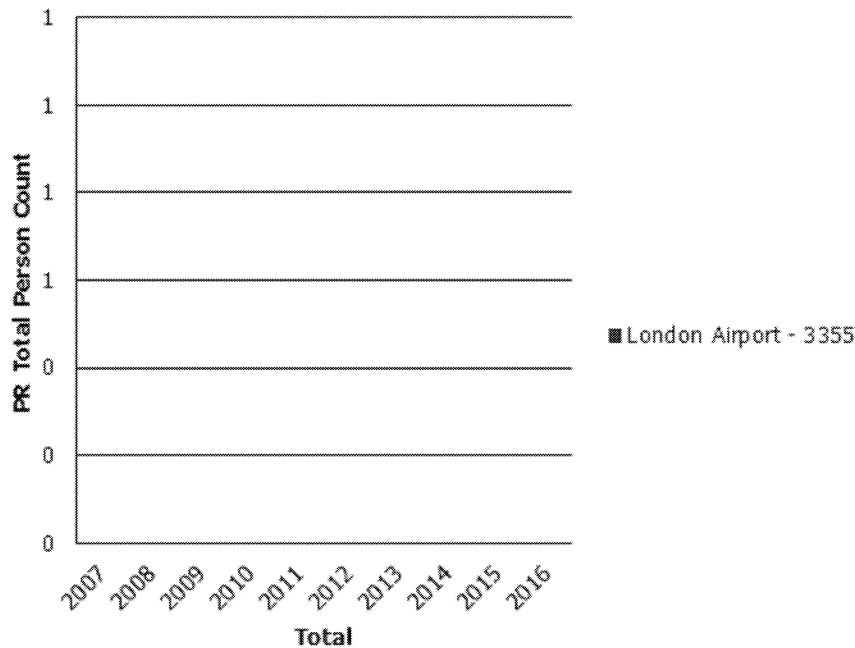
Source: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

Asylum claims by Mexican visitors to Canada declined following the imposition of a tourist visa by the former Conservative government. The visa requirement will be lifted on Dec. 1.

### Region: Southern Ontario Land Border Mexican Refugee claims 2007-2016



### Region: Southern Ontario Air: London International Airport: Mexican Refugee claims 2007-2016

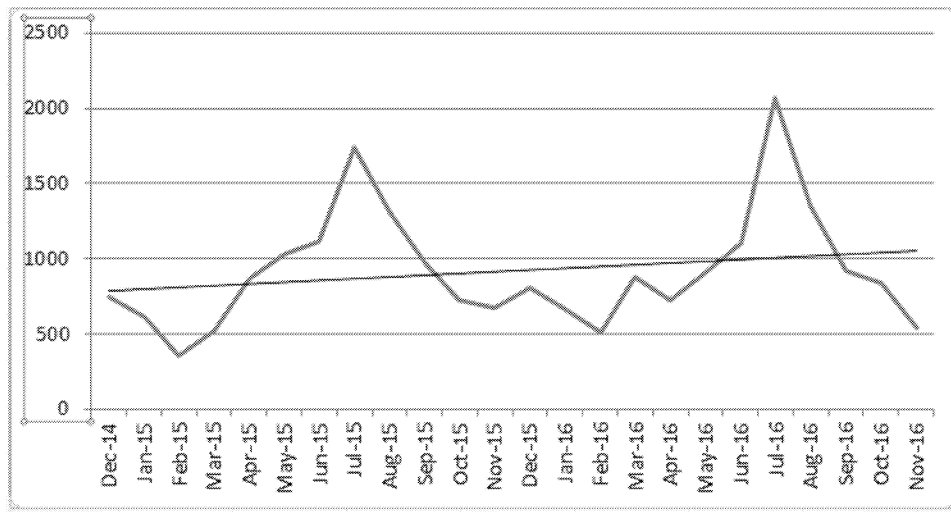


The greatest effect on the land border POE's is anticipated in terms of increase volume of travellers and/or the threat of Mexican nationals whom will attempt to misrepresent their intent to travel to Canada to circumvent the visa requirements, necessary in order to work and/or attend school, or other instances where visa regulations will remain in place. Enhanced diligence will be necessary at ports of

entry in order to identify and verify bona fide travellers and act accordingly. The inability to do so may result in a negative effect on inland offices that may be inundated with refugee claims after subjects were granted initial entry as a visitor.

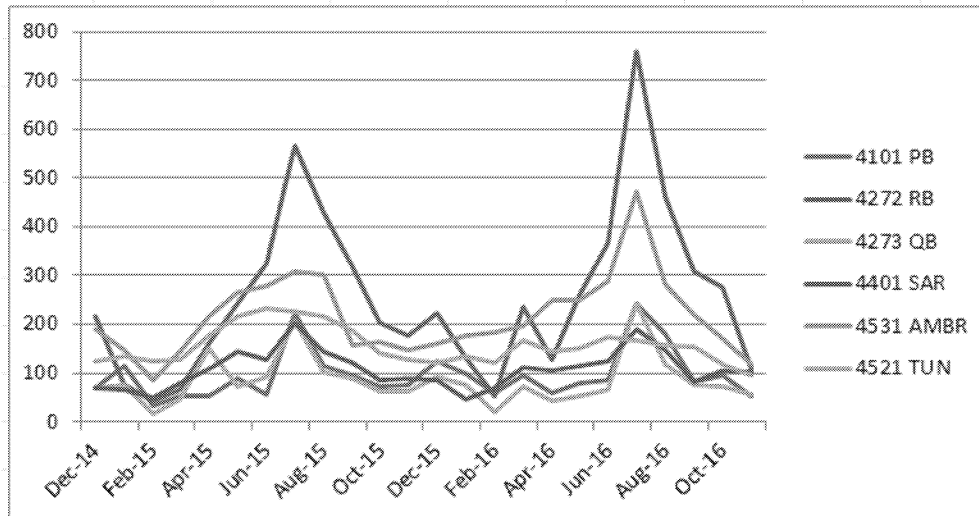
#### Total Arrivals of Mexican Nationals at Southern Ontario Region Land Ports of Entry:

December 2014 to Present:



#### Total Arrivals of Mexican Nationals Specific to Port of Entry:

December 2014 to Present:



It is anticipated that a larger effect will more likely be experienced in the air travel mode where flights arriving directly from Mexico will be carrying Mexican nationals. Regionally, London International Airport has no records of Mexican nationals making refugee claims.

Other factors that may affect rise in Mexican Nationals seeking refugee status in Canada:

United States Legislation Initiatives currently on hold as per the US Supreme Court:

- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA)
- Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)

Guidelines for individuals to request DACA from June 2012 to February 2015:

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Source: <https://www.ice.gov/daca>

Related Articles:

<http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/what-trumps-presidency-will-mean-for-the-dreamers>

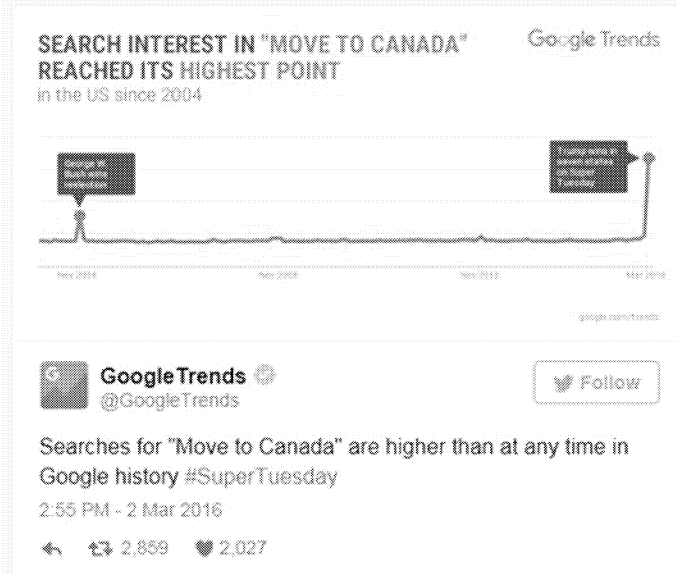
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<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/president-obama-offer-legal-status-millions-undocumented-immigrants/story?id=27063573>

Open source searches also indicate that “interest” in moving to Canada has increased while the United States conducted their last election but there is no data to substantiate or translate “interest” into “actual” instances of relocation at this time. There is no country specific data indicated.



By Wednesday, Google said the search term "Move to Canada" was the highest it had ever been in Google history.



The last time a peak came close was in November 2004, when George W. Bush won a second term in office.

Back then, Canadian immigration officials said the number of citizens visiting their website shot up six fold.

Source: <https://news.vice.com/article/no-canadas-immigration-website-isnt-being-bogged-down-by-americans-fleeing-trump>

It was also widely reported through various media sources that on November 8th, 2016, Election night, that the Citizenship and Immigration Canada web site crashed due to an internal service error while election results were being tabulated and broadcast. It was thought by many, to be a direct result of an over- abundance of users querying the site.

‘Some users in the United States, Canada and Asia saw an internal serve error message when trying to access the <http://www.cic.gc.ca/> website. Officials for the ministry could not immediately be reached for comment, but the website’s problems were noted by many on Twitter.’

Source: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/us-election-canada-immigration-website-crash/article32743300/>

## Bedard, Eric-CBSA

**From:** Davidson, Jeff  
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**Subject:** FW: CBSA Today December 8, 2016 | ASFC Aujourd'hui le 8 decembre 2016

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### CBSA Today | ASFC Aujourd'hui

December 8 2016 | Le 8 décembre 2016

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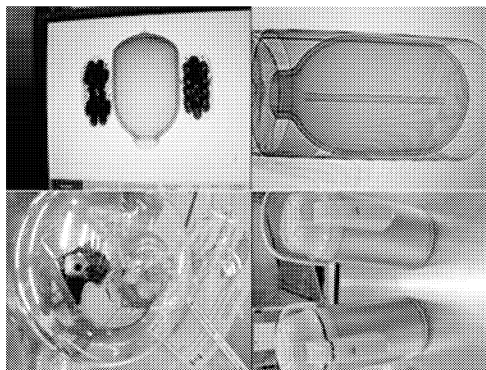
#### SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES | SAISIES IMPORTANTES

##### Amendment

##### **Pearson International Airport Commercial; Greater Toronto Area; Suspected Heroin Seizure**

On December 4, 2016, Border Services Officers from the Enforcement Unit, attended the Air Cargo Inc (ACI) Warehouse to retrieve a shipment

revealed various children's clothing and toys as well as two thermoses. An x-ray of the glass vacuum bottle revealed inconsistencies within the vacuum bottle. The removal of the bottom of the bottle revealed 1.50 kilograms of suspected heroin valued at \$600,000 CDN. **(S1002062, ICES #4973-16-0486; Cargo Control Number**



| The enforcement actions identified below were recorded in ICES during the reporting period: |              |
|---|--------------|
| Number of seizures  | 114          |
| Value for duty  | \$362,300.55 |
| Terms of release  | \$14,620.79  |
| Arrest warrant  | 3            |
| Impaired driving  | 1            |
| Other   | 2            |
| Personal search   | 2            |
| Smuggling   | 1            |
| Stolen property   | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>10</b>    |

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## INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS | OPÉRATIONS AU RENSEIGNEMENT

### Pacific Region; Controlled Delivery and Seizure of Fentanyl

On November 8, 2016, officers at the Vancouver International Mail Centre intercepted a parcel from China suspected of containing Fentanyl. On November 15, 2016, CBSA laboratory analysis confirmed the shipment tested positive for Furanylfentanyl Citrate.

Two individuals were arrested at the time, with one being released a short time later without any charges. PRIS has received confirmation that the other individual has now been charged with the following offences under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA): Possession for the purpose of trafficking, Importation of a controlled substance. In addition, the subject is also charged with conspiracy to commit the above offences, for a total of four charges. Approximately 103 grams of Furanylfentanyl Citrate was seized for a value of \$28,840 CDN. **(S1001726, ICES #8092-16-9499)**

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## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OPERATIONS | OPÉRATIONS DES ENQUÊTES CRIMINELLES

### Amendment

#### Northern Ontario Region; Shisha Tobacco Seizure

On December 6, 2016, Northern Ontario Region Enforcement and Intelligence Operations Division, executed three warrants in the Ottawa area, for non-duty paid shisha tobacco. A search of the residence found \$11,000 CDN, a long gun and ammunition. A total of 155 kilos of shisha tobacco was found at the three locations. There is no valid PAL for the firearm and the Ottawa Police Service was contacted to take possession of the firearm. Law enforcement partners in CBSA, Southern Ontario Region, Greater Toronto Area and Quebec Regions Tobacco Firearms and Explosive (USATF), executed warrants in several locations

**(S1002049)**

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## PORT-OF-ENTRY | AU POINT D'ENTRÉE

### Coutts; Prairie Region; Port Runner

On December 7, 2016, at approximately 1110 MT, a traveler at the Port of Entry of Coutts was referred to pay duties and taxes on imported goods. Stating that he could not find the documentation required for the importation of the merchandise, he asked if he could be allowed to take it back to the United States and the officer granted the request. Instead of doing so, the traveler proceeded into Canada with the goods. The officer made contact with the driver, who said he went to the Canadian Duty Free to print invoice. The driver returned and was interviewed by the officer. The officer was satisfied that running the port was not intentional. **(S1002068)**

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## INTERNATIONAL REGION | RÉGION INTERNATIONALE

### Berlin - Seven Immigrants Without Visas (IWOVs) intercepted

Berlin Liaison Officers (LOs) have intercepted seven immigrants without visa attempting to reach Canada. On December 2, 2016, a family of four Slovaks were identified while one of the LOs was conducting flight monitoring in Warsaw.

Three days later, Lufthansa screeners identified a family of three Hungarians as possible IWOVs. All seven passengers were denied boarding. **(S1002064)**

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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | TECHNOLOGIE DE L'INFORMATION

### National; GCMS Search Outage

On December 8, 2016, from 0115 ET to 0235 ET, the Global Case Management System (GCMS) search functionality was unavailable due to an outage. Users were unable to perform searches in GCMS, and therefore unable to perform status verifications and process documentation such as study permits or work permits. **(S1002075; IT Ticket # 3607401)**

### National; SRA Outage

On December 8, 2016, from 0256 ET to 0546 ET, the Secure Remote Access (SRA) was unavailable. Users working remotely were unable to connect to CBSA systems, users already connected were not impacted. A temporary configuration change was made in order to restore access. **(S1002077; IT Ticket # 3607410)**

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### Amendment - Change in planned window

**The GCMS scheduled National Outage date and time has been modified.**

### GCMS Scheduled National Outage

On December 13, 2016, between 0130 ET and 0330 ET, GCMS and eServices will not be available in order to perform system maintenance on the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). All GCMS and eServices functionalities will be unavailable to users and clients during the outage period.

Functionalities Affected:

- GCMS
- eServices:
  - o MyCIC
  - o eApplications
  - o Apply Online
  - o Authorized Paid Representative Portal
  - o Partner Portal (ENS)
  - o Public DOCMAN (VAC Portal)
  - o Validation Portal (Provincial access)
  - o Come To Canada Wizard
  - o PT Portal

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## COMMUNICATIONS SNAPSHOT | APERÇU DES ACTIVITÉS DE COMMUNICATION

## **Hot and Emerging – In the media today**

### **Border bill gains traction in U.S. Congress**

Canadian Press; Presse canadienne

A bill to simplify crossing the Canada-U.S. border moved ahead in the American Congress on Wednesday, with little time left to get it passed before U.S. lawmakers break to form a post-election legislature in the new year. It's a long-awaited development on both sides of the international border. The Harper and Trudeau governments both signed so called preclearance deals with the Obama administration, but the arrangement required implementing legislation and U.S. lawmakers have not made it a priority.

### **'Visa lift' gives Mexican cartels chance to expand in Canada**

Postmedia Network

Violent drug cartels are expected to expand their reach in Canada now that a visa requirement for Mexicans has been lifted, according to government documents obtained by Postmedia News. The CBSA report says "the visa lift will make travel to Canada easier in order to establish or strengthen existing cartel smuggling chains." "In the next three years, Mexican drug cartels are expected to expand their presence in Canada by sending operatives and recruiting local airport or marine port workers with ties to Mexico," says the document, obtained from a source. The Sun obtained only a section of the document titled: Implications for the CBSA and Canada. The CBSA document said the cartels generally don't use tourists to smuggle drugs for them.

### **Canadian coalition wants Ottawa to reduce security screening times at borders, airports**

Canadian Press

A coalition of business leaders in Canada's largest cities is putting pressure on Ottawa to reduce security screening times and cut travelling costs to bolster a prime engine of the country's economy. The council is calling for increased funding for CATSA and the CBSA to meet growing demands. It also wants Canada to harmonize immigration and trusted traveller programs with other countries. That means only requiring visas for citizens of high-risk countries and increasing the use of automated border clearance systems.

## **Announcements/Events**

**Announcement of Innov-a-thon Winners** - Results of the October 18 "Dragon's Den" will be announced via a VP ISTB message, Atlas content and a CBSA Today segment.

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## **DUTY EXECUTIVES | CADRES SUPÉRIEURS**

| DUTY PERIOD / SERVICE: |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>December 06-13</b>  |                    |
| <b>CBSA BRANCHES</b>   |                    |
| <b>OPS</b>             | Andrew LeFrank     |
| <b>PROG</b>            | Kristine Stolarik  |
| <b>CAB</b>             | Jean-Stéphen Piché |
| <b>COMP</b>            | Hantz Prosper      |
| <b>ISTB</b>            | Steve Whittaker    |
| <b>HR</b>              | Philippe Thompson  |
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| <b>ATL</b>             | Kathy Lusk         |
| <b>QUE</b>             | Pierre Provost     |
| <b>NOR</b>             | Paul Loo           |
| <b>SOR</b>             | Dan Badour         |
| <b>GTA</b>             | Jeanie Chow        |
| <b>PRA</b>             | Mike Skappak       |



## OPERATIONAL BULLETIN: PRG-2016-XX

### TITLE: Visa requirement lifted for Mexican nationals and Safe Third Country Agreement implications

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| <b>Date of Issue:</b><br>2016-11-30 | <b>Mode(s):</b><br>All | <b>Target Audience:</b><br>All Staff | <b>Area of Interest:</b><br>National and Overseas |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|

#### Details:

The purpose of this operational bulletin (OB) is to inform you that starting at **00:01 EST on Thursday, December 1, 2016**, Mexican citizens will be visa exempt under paragraph 190(1)(a) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR) and will no longer require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to travel to, or transit Canada.

However, Mexican nationals who are travelling to Canada **by air** will be required to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). If a Mexican national arriving in Canada by air has a valid Canadian visa, an eTA is not required. Mexican nationals travelling to Canada by **land or marine mode** do not require an eTA.

Upon arrival in Canada, all travellers, in all modes, must still present themselves for examination by a border services officer (BSO), and demonstrate that they meet the requirements to enter and/or stay in Canada. If a traveller seeking entry to Canada is not in possession of a required document, or is otherwise inadmissible, the BSO should follow existing procedures as outlined in Immigration Enforcement Manual ENF 4.

#### Exemption from Canada-United States (U.S.) Safe Third Country Agreement

Please note that once the visa has been lifted, Mexican nationals will qualify for an exception to the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) and can make a refugee claim at a land port of entry. The STCA exception, outlined in R159.5(g) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations*, is applicable to foreign nationals who are visa exempt to enter Canada, but require a visa to enter the US.

#### Actions required by officers:

- Liaison Officers (LOs) should support air carriers, as usual, to ensure that Mexican nationals are properly documented prior to flying to Canada. LOs must complete a Support System for Intelligence (SSI) report for each and every **fraudulent** interception abroad.

- **ALL** BSOs in air, land and marine modes, as well as inland officers, **must** enter information into SSI, without delay, regarding **all instances** of and related to the movement of improperly documented arrivals in Canada, claimants for refugee protection in Canada, and other irregular migrants. This includes foreign nationals who are issued a Temporary Resident Permit to overcome their inadmissibility, or foreign nationals who withdraw their application to enter Canada under [section 42](#) of IRPR and leave immediately.
- When applicable, BSOs must ensure that the "Transportation Violation" field reflects the proper violation in their SSI report.

For additional information on SSI Reports, see the [Policy on the Use of the Support System for Intelligence](#) and [PRG-2016-49](#).

### Contact Information:

Immigration and Identity Management Programs, Program and Policy Management Division, Traveller Programs Directorate, Programs Branch.

If you have any further questions, please forward them through the regional Corporate and Program Services Divisions, which (if required) will then send an email to the [Port of Entry Operations](#)' generic inbox.

**Approved by:** Madona Radi, Director  
Program and Policy Management Division  
Traveller Programs Directorate  
Programs Branch

**Effective Date:** 2016-12-01

**Updated:** N/A

Additional bulletins:



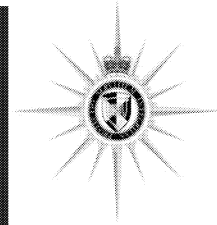
Audience: *CBSA Enforcement and Intelligence Operations*  
Enforcement and Intelligence Priority: Smuggling and Contraband

Issued: NOV 2016  
Expiry: MAY 2017

Intelligence Operations and Analysis Division

## Mexico Visa Lift: Implications for Drug Trafficking to Canada

IOAD\_2016-NOV-005



### **Recommended for Shift Briefing**

#### Highlights

- The lifting of the temporary visa requirement on December 1, 2016 removes the barrier of overseas verifications, which reduces the opportunity to identify and stop individuals associated to cartels or with a criminal background from travelling to Canada. (PA)
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- More seizures of drugs for personal use and instances of internal conspiracy are expected following the lifting of the visa requirement due to higher traveller volumes in the air stream. (PA)

#### Background

1. Mexican nationals have required a temporary resident visa to enter Canada since 2009, when it was imposed by the Canadian government to stem the flow of refugee claimants that had risen sharply. The lifting of the visa requirement is expected to deepen the ties between Canada and Mexico and will increase the flow of travellers and business between both countries. In addition to a higher number of direct flights and increased tourism, the visa lift has several economic agenda items attached to increase trade relations, such as a greater

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collaboration with respect to transportation through the development of international trucking corridors. However, the lifting of the visa requirement removes a layer of pre-arrival screening, reducing the opportunity to identify individuals with a criminal background and preventing their travel to Canada. (U)

2. Profits made by Mexican drug cartels are estimated to be as high as \$39 billion annually. Mexico's powerful drug cartels such as the Sinaloa, Gulf, Los Zetas and Juarez, have built strong networks, control large territories, have engaged in armed conflicts, and taken over businesses.

According to Mexican government officials, cartels spend upwards of \$1 billion USD a year on bribes for Mexican law enforcement officials. They are also known to exchange commodities with other crime groups. For example, they trade in illegally mined ore for Chinese precursor chemicals. Mexican drug cartels have also become adept at laundering illicit gains from the drug trade, using American banks to launder their profits by exploiting gaps in the financial monitoring. (U)

3. Mexican drug cartels are known to prefer large scale operations, particularly involving freight transport for a higher chance of success and profit margins. They possess significant operational assets mainly in transportation, including airplanes, helicopters, unmanned drones, marine vessels, and submarines as well as smuggling tunnels running underneath the U.S.-Mexico border. (U)

### Analysis

4. Since 2010, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, steroids, DMT (psychedelic drug) and prescription medications have been seized originating from Mexico.

concealment methods (i.e. inside construction materials and vehicle parts) in commercial cargo, suggesting the involvement of organized crime.

### Routings

5. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 90% of the cocaine destined for the U.S. moves through Mexico and Central America and 90% of the methamphetamine is smuggled directly from Mexico. Mexican drug cartels use their control over large portions of Mexican land to shepherd drugs northbound to key entry points on the U.S.-Mexican border. However, U.S. reports suggest that the increased levels of violence between Mexican drug cartels in the areas around particular border crossings have displaced some of the cocaine trafficking via water (container ships, non-commercial vessels). (PA)
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7. Officers in the Pacific region have also seized several large direct marine shipments from Mexico. According to open source reports, traffickers use Vancouver as a domestic and international drug distribution hub with established Mexican drug cartel presence. In Central Canada, drugs from Mexico are more commonly shipped directly in \_\_\_\_\_ while drugs transiting the U.S. have been seized at \_\_\_\_\_ land borders such as \_\_\_\_\_ at bridge crossings from the state of New York. (PA)

#### Mexican Drug Cartels presence in Canada

8. The presence of organized crime networks in Canada with ties to Mexico spreads across several provinces. According to press interviews with Canadian law enforcement personnel, Mexican drug cartels allegedly prefer to have their own members on the ground to facilitate smuggling and make connections with local organized crime groups. They commonly resemble regular businessmen and women, without visible tattoos indicating organized crime membership. (PA)
9. The Sinaloa and La Familia cartels have established a presence particularly in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. Numerous sources report on Mennonite groups of Mexican descent, many established in SOR but with familial ties in Mexico, engaging in drug smuggling and money laundering with Mexican drug cartels. Additionally, law enforcement cooperation projects such as Project Roadmaster in 2014 have highlighted extensive conspiracies to smuggle cocaine from Mexico into Canada through SOR using sophisticated concealment methods such as cocaine secreted within large granite blocks. The trafficking networks operated million dollar cocaine transactions starting in Mexico and smuggled drugs into Canada through the Montreal and Vancouver ports as well as across the Canada-U.S. border. (U)
10. Mexican drug cartels also allegedly engaged in the trade of cocaine for Canadian marihuana and ecstasy. In 2015, another project highlighted internal conspiracies called Operation Harrington that resulted in large cocaine seizures and charges against 15 Canadian citizens with links to Mexican and Colombian drug cartels. (U)

#### Cocaine

11. Since 2010, cocaine seizures from Mexico \_\_\_\_\_, several quantities seized have been substantial, weighing between 20 and 118 kilograms. The majority of cocaine seizures from Mexico occurred in the air traveller and cargo modes and some of the largest individual seizures were in air and marine cargo (see Appendix B). (PA)

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For example, in 2010, officers at the port of Vancouver examined four shipments containing bricks and discovered 252 kilograms of cocaine as well as methamphetamine in packages upon breaking the bricks. (PA)



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Some Mexican born members of the Canadian Mennonite community have been involved in trafficking narcotics from Mexico to Canada. In 2011, one family belonging to this community was involved in a CBSA cocaine seizure in Prairie region, of Chihuahua, Mexico, to Alberta. (PA)

#### Methamphetamine

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15. According to DEA estimates, 90% of the methamphetamine consumed in the U.S. is high-purity Mexican product. Stricter governmental regulations on methamphetamine precursors such as pseudoephedrine caused a shortage in the U.S., resulting in smaller trafficking operations being put out of business by Mexican cartels that have the funds and ability to successfully import Chinese chemicals. According to open source law enforcement interviews, while the bulk of methamphetamine smuggled into the U.S. is intended for regional distribution, a portion is shipped further to Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand where the profits are much higher. Canada has been used as a transshipment point for Mexican methamphetamine to Australia. (PA)

#### Heroin

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global  
customs information suggests that body concealment of heroin is frequently encountered.

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DEA reports in 2016 indicate that the quality of Mexican heroin is on the rise, which may lead to a demand of the product in Canada, particularly as cartels increase their presence and influence within Canada. (PA)

#### Fentanyl

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According to the DEA, Mexican cartels play a significant role in the current worldwide fentanyl crisis. Fentanyl precursors and powders are sent from China to Mexican clandestine



laboratories for the production of fentanyl powder and counterfeit prescription pills which are subsequently smuggled into the U.S. In October 2015, a Mexican federal police raid in the state of Sinaloa led to the seizure of 27 kilograms of fentanyl, which is reportedly equivalent in dosage to a ton of heroin, and to the seizure of 19,000 fake oxycodone tablets containing fentanyl.

### Implications for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Canada

19. The visa lift will make travel to Canada easier in order to establish or strengthen existing cartel smuggling chains. In the next three years, Mexican drug cartels are expected to expand their presence in Canada

The lifting

of the visa requirement removes a layer of screening pre-arrival to Canada. Without a visa requirement, the criminal affiliations of individuals may not come to the attention of immigration and border officials until they commit criminal offences once inside Canada. (PA)

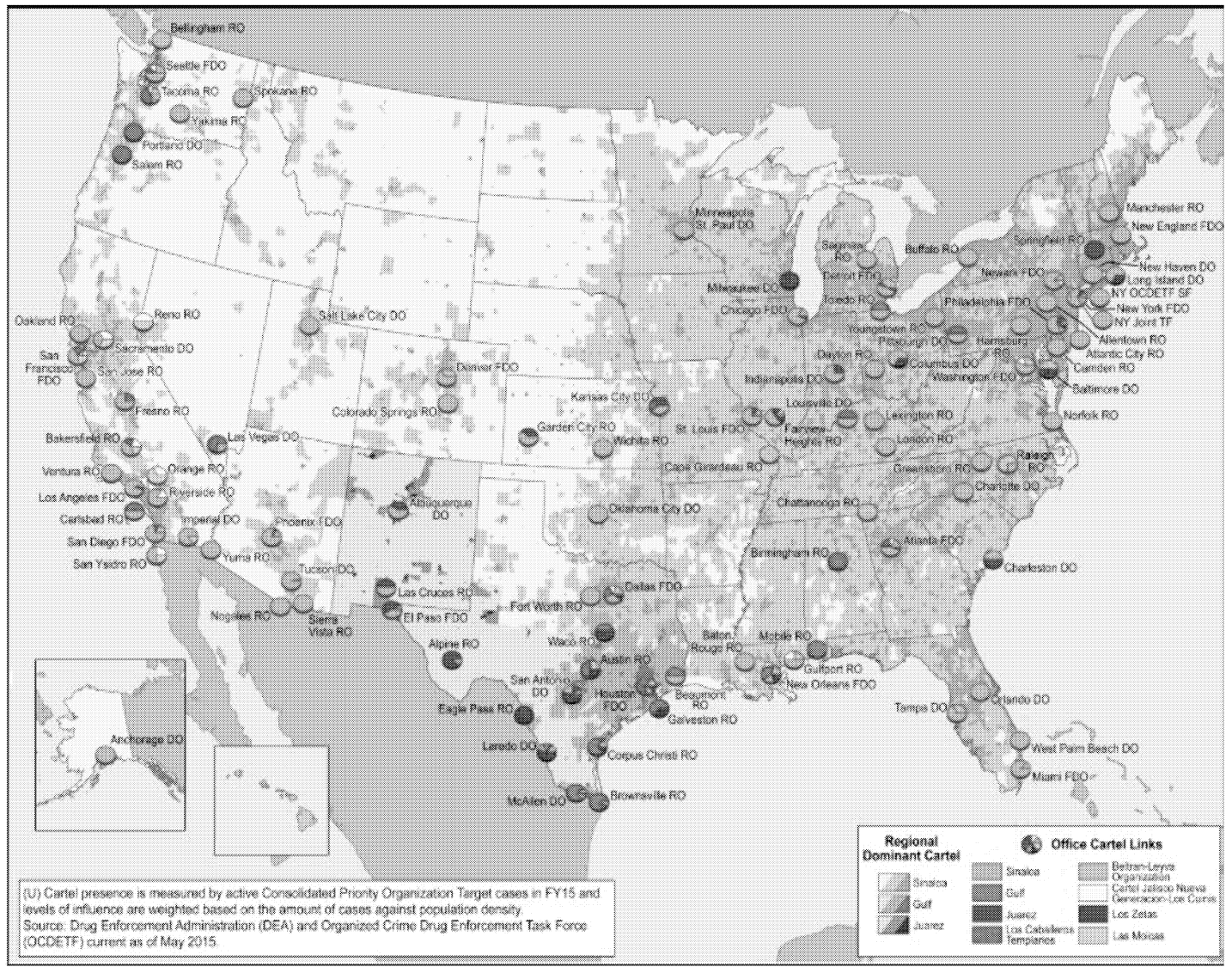
20. Following the lifting of the visa requirement on Mexican nationals, no significant increase on direct drug seizures from Mexico in the traveller stream is expected within the next six months to a year. Mexican nationals are visa-exempt in the European Union and are not considered a group of concern for drug smuggling of cocaine, heroin or meth via the air traveller stream. Given the additional number of direct flights and Mexico's popularity as a tourist destination, officers will likely encounter more cases of drugs for personal use in the air traveller stream; most likely of prescription medications.

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**Prepared by:** *I.D.* Current Intelligence Analysis

## Appendix A: Cartel territorial controls in the U.S.



Source: Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)



## **Appendix B: Cocaine from Mexico by Mode 2010-September 2016**

| <b>Mode</b>           | <b>Number of<br/>Seizures</b> | <b>Quantity (kg)</b> | <b>Percentage per mode<br/>of total seizure<br/>numbers</b> | <b>Percentage per<br/>mode of total<br/>quantities seized</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| <b>Marine</b>         |                               |                      |   |   |
| <b>Air Cargo</b>      |                               |                      |   |   |
| <b>Air Passenger</b>  |                               |                      |   |   |
| <b>Land Passenger</b> |                               |                      |   |   |
| <b>Land Cargo</b>     |                               |                      |   |   |
| <b>Postal</b>         |                               |                      |   |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>68</b>                     | <b>500.4</b>         | <b>100%</b>   | <b>100%</b>   |

## Rogers, Jamie

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**To:** Ethier, Chantal; Lyle, Candace; Valentine, Greg  
**Cc:** PRA\_CBSA-ASFC\_Region, Programs  
**Subject:** Mexico Visa Requirement - Lifted December 1, 2016  
**Attachments:** Mexico Stats - CRs, VRs, WPs.xlsx

**Importance:** High

Hello,

Candace/Greg, the lifting of the visa requirement for Mexican nationals takes effect on **December 1, 2016**. This is a little analysis we are probably going to include in the RMOB, but I am copying you as a heads-up and for any comment you might wish to add, particularly on the number of flights to your airports.

Historical stats on Mexico nationals are in separate tabs in the attachment. Perhaps you can comment on whether the number of direct flights from Mexico to CIA and EIA have increased or decreased relative to what they were in 2008-09. I suspect some of these flights may have been scaled back recently given the economic downturn but I am not able to say for certain. If there are no direct flights this will be less of an issue, although we should expect some Mexican claims being made by pax arriving at CIA and EIA from US flights or flights from elsewhere (such as China).

If there are direct flights from Mexico we will see a spike in claims at Calgary and Edmonton Airports. In the past, when they did not need a visa, Mexicans tended to make their claims at the airports, particularly when officers began suggesting they were going to refuse entry as non-genuine visitors.

The combination of fewer work permits being issued to Mexicans in the past couple FYs plus the lifting of the visa requirement are two factors that point to an increase in irregular migration for this population. The downturn in the Alberta economy may reduce the demand for Mexican labour but it does not necessarily change the migration designs of Mexican nationals. So, if they wish to travel to Canada, despite the economic situation, without need of a visa they will do so.

That really portends a spike in refugee claims wherever there are direct flights from Mexico. It is a change we will need to brace for since BSOs at CIA and EIA will be taking refugee claims in larger volumes again. I'll give some historical refugee claim numbers for Mexican nationals below to use as a benchmark to plan response accordingly.

If you look at the 2008-09 FY – the last full fiscal year before the visa requirement – CIA had 118 Mexican claimants and EIA had 75. If you look at CIC Calgary and Edmonton there were 207 Mexican claims in 2008-09. I think we can assume those CIC Admissions claimants arrived on direct flights to Calgary and Edmonton. I believe some time during the 2008-09 fiscal year Mexicana added flights direct to Calgary and Edmonton.

In the first three and half months of fiscal 2009-10 when the visa requirement came in (on July 14, 2009) there were 44 claims by Mexicans at CIA and 41 at EIA, as well as 202 claims and 83 claims at CIC Calgary and Edmonton respectively. Last fiscal they only had 4 Mexican claims between the two POEs and 2 claims at the CICs.

It is difficult to speculate about the number of Mexican claims at the two airports without information about the number of direct flights. Assuming they are the same as they were in 2009-10 it could be somewhere around 85 claims from Mexicans at the two airports, and more who would have claimed at the IRCC offices if BSOs are better able to spot

non-genuine Mexican visitors at the airports. If they do so, there is a chance a proportion of these will make refugee claims.

Regards,

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The number of refugee claims for Mexican nationals in the Prairie Region decreased by 56% the year after visas were imposed. This is good to know because we will see the opposite effect as of December.

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Here's an attachment with some stats for Mexico nationals.

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| St-Stephen - Ferry Point POE             |     |     |    |    |     |     |       | 4     |        | 2     |       |       |       |        | 6 |
| Whitehorse CIC                           |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        | 3     |       |       |       | 3      | 6 |
| Hamilton Airport - 3314                  |     |     |    |    |     |     |       | 1     |        |       |       |       | 4     |        | 5 |
| Regway POE                               |     |     | 5  |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 5 |
| Regina CIC                               |     |     |    |    |     |     | 4     |       | 1      |       |       |       |       |        | 5 |
| Thunder Bay                              |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       | 5      |       |       |       |       |        | 5 |
| Niagara Falls Enforcement                |     |     |    |    | 2   |     | 1     |       |        |       | 1     |       |       |        | 4 |
| Kingsgate                                |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       | 3      |       | 1     |       |       |        | 4 |
| Unknown                                  |     |     |    | 1  | 2   |     | 1     |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 4 |
| Montréal Investigation                   |     |     |    |    |     |     |       | 1     | 2      |       |       |       |       |        | 3 |
| Prescott - 3134                          |     |     |    |    |     |     |       | 3     |        |       |       |       |       |        | 3 |
| Kitchener Hamilton Enforcement           |     |     |    | 1  |     |     |       |       | 1      |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| London Enforcement                       |     |     | 1  |    |     | 1   |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| Windsor Inland Enforcement               |     |     |    |    | 1   |     | 1     |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| Jean Lesage International Airport        |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       | 1     |       | 1     |        | 2 |
| Macdonald Cartier International Airport  |     | 2   |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| POE Emerson                              |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       | 2      |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| POE Huntingdon                           |     |     |    | 1  |     | 1   |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| Pigeon River                             |     |     |    |    |     |     |       | 1     |        |       | 1     |       |       |        | 2 |
| Nanaimo                                  |     |     |    |    |     |     | 2     |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| Sudbury                                  |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        | 2     |       |       |       |        | 2 |
| Trois-Rivières CIC                       |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       | 1     | 1     |        | 2 |
| Edmonton Inland Enforcement And Hearings |     |     |    |    | 1   |     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Hearings And Appeals GTEC                |     |     | 1  |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Investigation And Removals, Montréal     |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       | 1     |       |        | 1 |
| Sherbrooke Enforcement                   |     |     |    |    |     |     | 1     |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Aldergrove                               |     |     |    |    |     | 1   |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Carway-4616                              |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       | 1      |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Cornwall                                 |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       | 1      |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Halifax International Airport            |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       | 1     |       |       |        | 1 |
| Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport           |     |     |    | 1  |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        | 1 |
| Winnipeg International Airport           |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       | 1     |        | 1 |
| Kamloops                                 |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       | 1      | 1 |
| North York, St Clair                     |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       |       | 1     |        | 1 |
| Sault Ste Marie CIC                      |     |     |    |    |     |     |       |       |        |       |       | 1     |       |        | 1 |
| Total                                    | 105 | 121 | 68 | 92 | 219 | 605 | 1,002 | 5,222 | 10,416 | 7,579 | 5,467 | 3,730 | 2,818 | 37,444 |   |

| <b>MEXICO CLAIMS - PRAIRIE REGION POS</b>  | 2004/2005 | 2016/2017 | 2015/2016 | 2014/2015 | 2013/2014 | 2012/2013 | 2011/2012 | 2010/2011  | 2009/2010  | 2008/2009  | 2007/2008 | 2006/2007 | 2005/2006 | <b>Total</b> |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Carway-4616                                |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1          |            |            |           |           |           | <b>1</b>     |
| Coutts                                     | 1         | 1         |           |           | 2         | 4         | 8         | 11         | 11         | 4          | 4         |           |           | <b>46</b>    |
| Calgary International Airport              | 1         | 2         | 3         |           |           |           | 5         |            | 44         | 118        | 4         |           | 4         | <b>181</b>   |
| Calgary Inland Enforcement And Hearings    |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 4         | 2          |            |            |           |           |           | <b>7</b>     |
| Edmonton International Airport             | 3         |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |           |            | 41         | 75         |           |           |           | <b>121</b>   |
| Edmonton Inland Enforcement And Hearings   |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |            |            |            |           |           |           | <b>1</b>     |
| Emerson                                    | 5         |           |           |           | 7         |           | 3         | 3          | 4          | 4          |           |           |           | <b>26</b>    |
| POE Emerson                                |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 2          |            |           |           |           | <b>2</b>     |
| Regway POE                                 |           |           | 5         |           |           |           |           |            |            |            |           |           |           | <b>5</b>     |
| Winnipeg International Airport             |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |            |            |           |           | 1         | <b>1</b>     |
| Calgary Citizenship and Immigration Canada | 11        | 2         | 9         | 2         |           | 13        | 37        | 115        | 202        | 138        | 69        | 33        | 8         | <b>639</b>   |
| Edmonton CIC                               | 4         |           | 1         | 2         |           | 3         | 30        | 38         | 83         | 69         | 17        | 12        | 6         | <b>265</b>   |
| Regina CIC                                 |           |           |           |           |           |           | 4         |            | 1          |            |           |           |           | <b>5</b>     |
| Winnipeg                                   | 8         |           |           |           | 1         |           | 4         | 4          | 8          | 8          | 5         |           | 6         | <b>44</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>33</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>174</b> | <b>396</b> | <b>416</b> | <b>99</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>1,344</b> |

| <b>Mexico VR-TRV-EXT PRAIRIE REGION</b> | 2016/2017  | 2015/2016  | 2014/2015  | 2013/2014  | 2012/2013  | 2011/2012  | 2010/2011  | 2009/2010  | 2008/2009    | 2007/2008  | 2006/2007  | 2005/2006  | 2004/2005  | <b>Total</b> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Carway-4616                             | 2          | 4          | 6          | 5          | 5          | 15         | 9          | 14         | 74           | 56         | 15         | 4          | 3          | <b>212</b>   |
| Chief Mountain                          |            | 2          |            |            |            |            |            | 1          |              |            | 3          | 1          |            | <b>7</b>     |
| Coutts                                  | 22         | 63         | 84         | 66         | 60         | 58         | 37         | 63         | 233          | 127        | 118        | 79         | 91         | <b>1,101</b> |
| Del Bonita POE                          | 1          |            |            | 1          |            | 2          | 1          | 1          | 3            |            |            |            |            | <b>9</b>     |
| Wild Horse POE                          | 1          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>1</b>     |
| Calgary IAP                             | 94         | 136        | 98         | 106        | 83         | 128        | 121        | 338        | 814          | 269        | 207        | 213        | 88         | <b>2,695</b> |
| Springbank Airport POE                  | 7          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>7</b>     |
| Calgary Inland Enf & Hearings           |            | 1          |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>1</b>     |
| Edmonton IAP                            | 23         | 46         | 65         | 60         | 44         | 29         | 43         | 294        | 585          | 78         | 58         | 30         | 47         | <b>1,402</b> |
| Fort McMurray International Airport     |            |            |            | 2          |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>2</b>     |
| Boissevain POE                          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | 1            |            |            |            |            | <b>1</b>     |
| Emerson                                 | 8          | 28         | 53         | 64         | 37         | 42         | 44         | 56         | 95           | 73         | 79         | 78         | 134        | <b>791</b>   |
| CBSA Carievale POE                      |            |            |            | 1          |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>1</b>     |
| Monchy POE                              | 2          | 1          |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>3</b>     |
| North Portal - 4322                     | 4          | 13         | 11         | 13         | 18         | 13         | 11         | 11         | 42           | 26         | 33         | 26         | 26         | <b>247</b>   |
| POE Climax Saskatchewan                 |            |            | 1          |            | 3          |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>4</b>     |
| Regina Airport                          | 2          | 1          |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>3</b>     |
| Regina Airport POE                      |            |            | 1          | 5          | 5          | 7          | 10         | 8          | 13           | 15         |            |            |            | <b>64</b>    |
| Regway POE                              | 1          |            |            | 8          |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>9</b>     |
| Saskatoon Airport                       | 1          | 4          | 1          | 1          | 4          |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |            | <b>11</b>    |
| Saskatoon International Airport POE     |            |            | 1          |            | 3          |            | 2          | 5          | 9            | 2          |            |            |            | <b>22</b>    |
| Winnipeg IAP                            | 4          | 6          | 10         | 20         | 4          | 8          | 14         | 24         | 47           | 81         | 76         | 33         | 32         | <b>359</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>172</b> | <b>305</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>266</b> | <b>302</b> | <b>292</b> | <b>815</b> | <b>1,916</b> | <b>727</b> | <b>589</b> | <b>464</b> | <b>421</b> | <b>6,952</b> |

| <b>Mexico WP-WP-EXT PRAIRIE REGION</b> | 2004/2005  | 2016/2017  | 2015/2016  | 2014/2015  | 2013/2014    | 2012/2013    | 2011/2012  | 2010/2011    | 2009/2010    | 2008/2009    | 2007/2008  | 2006/2007  | 2005/2006  | <b>Total</b>  |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Carway-4616                            | 10         | 2          | 4          | 2          | 11           | 25           | 9          | 12           | 18           | 133          | 89         | 22         | 13         | <b>350</b>    |
| Chief Mountain                         |            |            |            |            |              |              |            |              |              | 2            |            |            | 1          | <b>3</b>      |
| Coutts                                 | 28         | 11         | 32         | 36         | 67           | 77           | 44         | 69           | 65           | 312          | 95         | 71         | 25         | <b>932</b>    |
| Del Bonita POE                         |            |            |            |            | 2            | 1            |            | 2            | 14           | 6            |            |            |            | <b>25</b>     |
| Calgary IAP                            | 39         | 191        | 289        | 452        | 512          | 575          | 440        | 779          | 1,028        | 1,404        | 408        | 158        | 82         | <b>6,357</b>  |
| Springbank Airport POE                 |            | 14         |            |            |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>14</b>     |
| Edmonton IAP                           | 19         | 44         | 216        | 311        | 417          | 349          | 173        | 151          | 549          | 917          | 120        | 194        | 49         | <b>3,509</b>  |
| Fort McMurray International Airport    |            |            |            | 1          |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>1</b>      |
| Boissevain POE                         |            |            |            | 1          |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>1</b>      |
| Emerson                                | 10         | 3          | 10         | 11         | 24           | 35           | 8          | 18           | 34           | 62           | 45         | 20         | 11         | <b>291</b>    |
| Lyleton POE                            |            |            | 1          |            |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>1</b>      |
| Sprague POE                            |            |            | 1          |            |              | 2            |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>3</b>      |
| Coronach POE                           |            | 1          | 2          |            |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>3</b>      |
| Monchy POE                             |            | 1          | 1          |            |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>2</b>      |
| North Portal - 4322                    | 1          | 10         | 23         | 28         | 26           | 48           | 14         | 19           | 27           | 13           | 25         | 9          | 2          | <b>245</b>    |
| POE Climax Saskatchewan                |            | 1          |            | 4          |              |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>5</b>      |
| Regina Airport                         |            | 4          | 5          |            |              | 4            |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>13</b>     |
| Regina Airport POE                     |            |            | 1          | 17         | 12           | 31           | 12         | 2            | 4            |              |            |            |            | <b>79</b>     |
| Regway POE                             |            | 1          | 6          | 16         | 4            |              |            |              |              |              |            |            |            | <b>27</b>     |
| Saskatoon Airport                      |            | 6          | 1          | 1          | 3            | 3            | 4          | 2            |              |              |            |            |            | <b>20</b>     |
| Saskatoon International Airport POE    |            |            | 8          | 10         | 13           | 15           | 8          | 8            | 3            | 4            | 3          |            |            | <b>72</b>     |
| Winnipeg IAP                           | 7          | 7          | 20         | 19         | 32           | 54           | 18         | 8            | 9            | 18           | 6          | 6          | 14         | <b>218</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>114</b> | <b>296</b> | <b>620</b> | <b>909</b> | <b>1,123</b> | <b>1,219</b> | <b>730</b> | <b>1,070</b> | <b>1,751</b> | <b>2,871</b> | <b>791</b> | <b>480</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>12,171</b> |

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**Objet:** Impact de la levée du visa pour les citoyens du Mexique sur l'ETPS/Impact on STCA follow visa lifting for citizen of Mexico

**Pour distribution aux agents administrant la LIPR**

L'Entente sur les Tiers Pays Sûrs, prévoit au R159.5 g) qu'un étranger qui est exempt de visa au Canada et qui n'est pas exempt de visa aux USA se qualifie à une exception.

Pour l'application de cette exception, il n'est pas nécessaire de « détenir » un visa, mais qu'un visa « soit requis » aux États-Unis.

**For distribution to officers administering IRPA**

As per R159.5 g) it is provided in the Safe Third country Agreement that a foreign national who is visa exempted in Canada and is not exempted to obtain a visa into USA is qualifying for an exception.

For the application of this exception, it's not about whether they "hold" a visa, but whether they are "required to hold" a visa in to USA.

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Bonjour Anne-Josée,

→ voir ci-dessous. RA

Tel que convenu, j'ai préparé le document pour les points de discussion pour l'OBEC qui porte sur les éléments suivants :

- Recommandations pour gagner du temps dans le traitement des demandes d'asile
- L'impact de la levée de l'obligation d'un visa mexicain
- Changements de format proposés et rapport mensuel sur les opérations, mars 2016

Merci,

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**Objet :** RE: 2016-0194 - RAPPORTS - ACTION et BF // MOB March for comment / RMO de mars pour commentaires

Bonjour,

Après vérification auprès de Anne-Josée, nous avons l'opportunité de fournir nos commentaires spécialement sur le traitement des demandeurs d'asile (diminuer le temps de traitement) et la question sur la levée de l'obligation d'un visa canadien pour les mexicains.

La contribution de tous est la bienvenue, mais particulièrement celle de Guylaine. Si toutefois, vous n'avez rien à «déclarer» merci de m'envoyer NIL.

Merci de me fournir vos commentaires par courriel d'ici le **11 mai en matinée**.

On lâche pas en ce début de semaine,

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Anne-Josée,

Est-ce qu'il faut aussi commenter les notes de discussions (document word)?

Merci,

Karine

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**De :** Roy, Anne-Josée

**Envoyé :** April 30, 2016 10:36 AM

**À :** Blackburn, Karine; Beaupre, Andre; Coache, Guylaine; Hivon, Georges-Éric; Santay, Nadia; Bigonesse, Sonia

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**Objet :** TR: 2016-0194 - RAPPORTS - ACTION et BF // MOB March for comment / RMO de mars pour commentaires

Bonjour groupe!



Voici venu le temps de commenter le rapport mensuel des opérations du mois de mars. Nous avons jusqu'au 3 mai fin de journée pour le faire.

Karine, j'aimerais que tu intègres l'ensemble des commentaires de la division. Caroline Hamelin te fera suivre les commentaires de son équipe.

Loana : J'aimerais que tu t'occupes de commenter les pages 4 à 10 concernant les volumes de voyageurs et les temps d'attente;

André, Guylaine, Georges-Éric, Nadia et Sonia : SVP vous entendre ensemble pour vous diviser les commentaires des sections suivantes :

- P. 15-16 Interdictions de territoire, facilitation et revendications
- P. 32-33 Sections concernant les demandes d'Asile dans les PDE et les bureaux intérieurs
- P. 35 Cibles pour l'immigration
- P.38 Sections concernant les fraudes liées à l'immigration (traite, passage de clandestins...)
- P. 39 Mandats immigration
- P. 40 Renvois
- P. 41-42 Enquêtes criminelles.

Merci d'envoyer vos commentaires à Karine Blackburn avant midi, mardi, le 3 mai, afin qu'elle les intègre dans un seul document.

N'hésitez pas aussi à lui faire part de points particuliers à soulever à m. Chiquette en vue de sa discussion avec l'OBEC.

Merci de votre collaboration habituelle.

Anne

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**De :** QUE\_Programmes\_Services

**Envoyé :** 29 avril, 2016 2:44

**À :** Roy, Anne-Josée; Hamelin, Caroline

**Objet :** 2016-0194 - RAPPORTS - ACTION et BF // MOB March for comment / RMO de mars pour commentaires

Bonjour,

Pour votre action.

Merci de mettre la boîte générique en CC lors de votre réponse.

Bonne journée,

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**Cc :** Auclair, Rachel; Fortin, Lily-Claude; QUE\_Suivis\_Services\_corporatifs\_et\_programmes; Graziani, Marcello

**Objet :** 2016-0194 - RAPPORTS - ACTION et BF // MOB March for comment / RMO de mars pour commentaires

Bonjour,

SVP pour votre action. Merci de répondre à Rachel Auclair en mettant la boîte générique QUE\_Suivis en CC.

**BF: 3 mai**

Merci et bonne journée.

*Ekaterini Retsinas pour/for*

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**Cc:** Swift, David; Grushman, Andrei; Jack, Amanda; Melchers, Chantal; Gareau, Andrée; Gaudreault, Philippe; Baklid, Bente; Slutsken, Allison; Bedard, Raymond

**Subject:** MOB March for comment / RMO de mars pour commentaires

Please find attached the March Monthly Operational Briefing which will be discussed in the Weekly Operations Briefing meeting on May 17, 2016

Please provide any comments directly to **Bente Baklid, Director, Corporate and Program Services Division** no later than EOD Wednesday, May 4.

Thank you,

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Bonjour,

S'il vous plaît trouver ci-joint le Rapport mensuel sur les opération du mois de mars qui sera discuté au Compte rendu hebdomadaire des opérations le 17 mai, 2016.

Veuillez s'il vous plaît faire parvenir vos commentaires directement à **Bente Baklid, Directrice, Division des services corporatifs et aux programmes** avant la fin de la journée, mercredi le 4 mai.

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## Rapport mensuel sur les opérations, mars 2016

### Points de discussion

#### Traitement des demandes d'asile

Dans une optique de rationaliser le traitement initial des demandes d'asile (appelé également étape de détermination de la recevabilité), la mise en œuvre de solutions pouvant diminuer le temps consacré aux formalités administratives seraient recommandées.

Le processus du traitement d'une demande d'asile s'est davantage complexifié, principalement par le temps que les agents consacrent à administrer de nombreux formulaires distincts, mais dans lesquels les informations se répètent. Ensuite par le temps employé à entrer les données de la demande d'asile dans le système SMGC. Les étapes et sous-étapes au SMGC rendent l'activité assez laborieuse à finaliser et la performance du système pourrait être améliorée. Ils doivent aussi réserver la date d'audience à la CISR via «*outil de mise au rôle des audiences*» (OMRA). Cette action additionnelle n'était pas autrefois requise.

Il est pertinent de rappeler le caractère spontané des demandes d'asile traitées par les agents des points-d'entrée (PDE) ou dans les bureaux intérieurs (Inland) de l'Agence. De sorte que généralement les formalités doivent être finalisées avant que le client quitte les lieux. De surcroît, au cours de l'étape de recevabilité, les agents de PDE terrestres ont la responsabilité de vérifier si *l'Entente sur les tiers pays sûrs* s'applique. Tous ces éléments influencent les délais de traitement d'une demande d'asile.

Ci-dessous un tableau exposant certaines formalités actuelles et des propositions d'amélioration.

### **L'impact de la levée de l'obligation d'un visa mexicain**

La levée de l'obligation d'un visa canadien pour les mexicains pourrait accroître le nombre de voyageurs provenant de ce pays. Afin de procéder au traitement de ces voyageurs, cela pourrait aussi signifier de façon générale une potentielle charge de travail accrue sur les différentes activités de l'ASFC tant du volet douane qu'immigration.

Depuis le 15 juillet 2009, les citoyens du Mexique ont besoin d'un visa pour visiter le Canada ou y transiter. Cela notamment justifié par l'importante augmentation du nombre de demande d'asile provenant de ce pays, dont un grand nombre était jugé infondée par la CISR.

Depuis le 15 février 2013, le Mexique est un pays d'origine désigné (POD). Cela signifie que le Canada considère que le Mexique n'est habituellement pas un pays source de réfugiés.

La Réforme des réfugiés de 2012 pourrait avoir un effet dissuasif au niveau du taux de demandeur d'asile provenant de ce pays. Il y a maintenant des dispositions favorisant l'accélération du processus et améliorant la protection de l'intégrité du système d'octroi de l'asile. Une surveillance de la tendance pourrait servir à apporter les correctifs nécessaires.

Aussi, en mars 2016 une *autorisation de voyage électronique* (AVE) est exigée dans le mode aérien pour les ressortissants de pays étant exemptés de visa. Advenant la levée du visa canadien pour le Mexique, ce prérequis pourrait aider à limiter l'accès à certaines personnes inadmissibles. Ceci dit, cela pourrait favoriser un flux de demandeurs cherchant à entrer par mode terrestre.

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<sup>1</sup> Les pays d'origine désignés (POD) sont des pays qui ne produisent habituellement pas de réfugiés, qui respectent les droits de la personne et offrent la protection de l'État.

Certains mexicains, rencontrant les critères<sup>2</sup>, ayant un permis de travail (PT) pourront demander un PT à la frontière car ils seront exemptés d'un visa. Cela représenterait une clientèle additionnelle pour les PDE.

En avril 2016, un compte rendu du renseignement<sup>3</sup> de la *Division des opérations et de l'analyse du renseignement* fait état de sérieuses préoccupations en matière d'interdiction de territoire au sujet des ressortissants mexicains. Dont, voici un extrait pertinent :

*« Si l'obligation de visa pour les ressortissants mexicains devait être levée, le nombre de ressortissants mexicains se rendant au Canada devrait accroître, ce qui ferait augmenter le nombre de personnes pouvant être interdites de territoire. Sans le visa qui agit comme mécanisme de présélection, le Canada constaterait certainement une augmentation du nombre de ressortissants mexicains faisant l'objet d'un dossier criminel qui se présentent dans les PDE et dans les bureaux intérieurs. Selon les tendances observées, la criminalité devrait avoir lieu au moins deux ans après leur arrivée, principalement dans la région de Montréal, à Vancouver et dans les environs ainsi qu'à Toronto et dans les régions avoisinantes. (PA) »*

*De plus, on constaterait probablement une augmentation de la présence du crime organisé mexicain au Canada.*

*Sans l'obligation de visa, les personnes seraient en mesure de voyager plus facilement au Canada. Ainsi, la probabilité que ces personnes soient détectées diminuerait jusqu'à ce qu'elles soient arrêtées par des organismes d'exécution de la loi pour cause de criminalité et qu'elles avouent leur appartenance ou qu'elles fassent l'objet d'une enquête. (PA)*

Pour pouvoir rendre une personne interdite de territoire au Canada, en temps opportun, il faudra donc pouvoir compter sur un accès rapide aux renseignements et à la documentation provenant de l'étranger. Dépendamment du volume, il pourrait avoir une augmentation des ressources requises pour les intercepter, les traiter et les renvoyer, le cas échéant.

<sup>2</sup> Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires et Programme de mobilité internationale : Personnes pouvant présenter une demande à un point d'entrée.

<sup>3</sup> Ressortissants mexicains au Canada : Sérieuses préoccupations concernant l'interdiction de territoire IOAD 2016-APR-001

## **Rapport mensuel sur les opérations, mars 2016**

### **Commentaires généraux :**

Le nouveau format devrait présenter une analyse qui fait ressortir les éléments les plus représentatifs des tendances et de la performance. Les informations devraient pouvoir permettre d'identifier une problématique ou donner des indications quant à la nécessité d'ajustement (ex. : besoin d'augmenter l'effectifs en fonction d'une hausse constante/soudaine des demandes).

Les tableaux et graphiques devraient afficher l'année fiscale (AF) en cours en premier puis l'AF précédente. Cela faciliterait la compréhension des % d'écart.

Avant la publication de la version finale, les Programmes de la région du Québec voudraient avoir l'occasion de commenter l'ébauche du nouveau format.

### **Commentaires sur le visuel :**

Les données (chiffres) devraient permettre d'identifier rapidement les informations pertinentes, tel que par exemple des alertes avec code de couleur et caractères différents.

### **Commentaires sur le contenu :**

#### **Volumes de voyageurs (pages 4 -5)**

- Les modes pour répertorier le volume des voyageurs devraient être précisés pour le tableau de la diapositive #4 intitulé «Volumes de voyageurs - tous les modes». Cela éviterait des divergences d'interprétations quant aux données figurant dans les tableaux de la diapositive #5 sur les volumes des modes aérien et terrestre seulement.
- Pour les volumes de voyageurs, le tableau présentant les chiffres réels est le plus représentatif. Donc, le tableau « graphique » devrait être un petit icône à côté du tableau correspondant pour ceux qui voudraient le voir de cette façon. On pourrait ainsi présenter plusieurs modes sur une même page.
- Afin d'avoir un portrait plus réaliste des volumes régionaux de voyageurs, ceux-ci devraient être présentés par mode en première lecture, incluant le ferroviaire, les autobus et les bateaux de croisières. Suivrait ensuite, sur une même page, le tableau cumulatif par « Tous les modes par région » et par «Tous les modes au niveau national».

## **Volumes de voyageurs et performances des temps d'attente à la frontière (TAF) (page 6)**

### **Volumes de passagers et de véhicules vs la performance des TAF / 26 points d'entrée terrestres (page 6)**

- Une annotation claire spécifiant les 8 plus importants points-d'entrée aériens et les 26 points-d'entrée terrestres des graphiques permettrait une meilleure clarté.
- Pour ajouter une valeur informative, l'année fiscale (AF) en cours (ex. : 2016-2017) devrait ressortir et ensuite afficher l'AF précédente.
- Un tableau spécifique aux grands aéroports et un autre pour les intermédiaires fournirait un comparatif plus équitable.
- Il faudrait préciser qu'il s'agit uniquement du temps d'attente à la ligne d'inspection primaire. Pourtant, il serait très important de connaître le temps d'attente au secondaire. Cette donnée serait très utile pour comprendre d'autres données du rapport MOB (*par exemple, impact sur le nombre de renvoi au secondaire d'immigration, volume des mesures d'exécution, etc.*). Entre autre, nous savons pertinemment que la problématique des « tours du poteau » occasionne de nombreux et très long délais d'attente au secondaire d'immigration.

### **TAF - Semaine (Lundi au jeudi seulement) / TAF (Ven. au dimanche seulement) / Vendredi saint (25/3/2016) / Lundi de Pâques (28/3/2016) (page 7 à 10)**

- Le titre des tableaux devrait énoncer qu'il s'agit de « frontière terrestre ».
- Compiler les TAF de 30 minutes et plus, de plus colonne « Total des délais » pourrait être supprimée.
- Regrouper les bureaux en ordre décroissant selon leur niveau de volumes de passagers, afin d'avoir une vision comparative plus réaliste.
- Indiquer l'acronyme de la province près du nom, car cela aiderait les régions à comparer les résultats selon leur ressemblance géo-opérationnelle.
- Séparément, produire un tableau qui regroupe tous les 7 ponts et le Tunnel de Windsor et présenter l'information en ordre décroissant selon leur niveau de volumes.
- Les « jours fériés » devraient être disposés sur une seule et même page.

### **Volume de voyageurs utilisant les voies NEXUS (page 11)**

Pour avoir une vision plus stratégique, il faudrait classer les PDE par ordre décroissant de volume.

Le % Nexus des bureaux ayant de gros volume devrait uniquement être indiqué. Le nombre de voyageur peuvent avoir un impact réel sur le temps d'attente et les besoins en ressources humaines.

La contribution des autres programmes ayant pour but de faciliter les passages à la frontière (Canpass, fastexpress, Passage automatisé à la frontière, et.) serait une données intéressante à exposer.

### **Utilisation du Program CFA et comparaison exercice financier à ce jour (page 12)**

Le bon terme ne devrait-il pas être « Passage automatisé à la frontière » au lieu de *Contrôle frontalier automatisé* (CFA).

### **Résultant taux d'examens des douanes (page 13)**

Taux d'examen d'immigration devrait également être illustré.

### Volet Voyageur Immigration : interdit de territoire & facilitation – Autoroute (page 15)

Ce tableau devrait comprendre tous les modes et non pas seulement «autoroute». Les données devraient être extraites et illustrées par bureaux/par région.

Deux diapositives distinctes, l'une pour l'exécution de la loi (rapports L44, AQ, etc.) et une autre pour la facilitation (FV, PE, PT, etc.) donneraient des données davantage représentatives.

Des tableaux illustrant les différentes catégories permettraient d'analyser les variations et les tendances en matière de permis de travail (PT), permis d'étude (PE), permis de séjour temporaire (PST) et fiche de visiteur (FV). Nous suggérons d'ajouter les chiffres sur les éléments suivants :

#### **Permis de travail**

- Ajouter le nombre de cas traités en fonction soit 1) PT initiés à l'étranger mais délivrés au point-d'entrée (PDE) et 2) PT initiés et délivrés au PDE. Le processus pour traiter le deuxième type de PT est particulièrement plus complexe et exige davantage de temps.
- Pour ceux initiés et émis au PDE, ajouter le nombre de PT émis avec une dispense de l'*étude d'impact sur le marché de travail* (EIMT) ou avec une EIMT et le cas échéant disposer les données par code de dispense. Cela permettrait d'identifier les hausses ou les diminutions en fonction des catégories et donnerait une meilleure possibilité de mieux cerner l'origine de certaines problématiques.

À cet effet, à titre d'exemple le tableau ci-dessous fait ressortir que la hausse du nombre d'émission des PT traités et délivrés dans les PDE est attribuable à deux catégories soit «*Emploi après l'obtention du diplôme*» (dispense C43) avec une augmentation par rapport à 2015 de 267% et soit «*Époux/conjoints de fait de travailleurs spécialisés*» (dispense C41) avec une augmentation de 78%. La particularité est que normalement le renouvellement de ces PT devrait surtout être traité à l'intérieur par IRCC.

Pour la catégorie de dispense A75 (*PT ouvert au conjoint/conjoint de fait accompagnant un demandeur*), le nombre pour mars 2015 n'est pas de zéro. En fait, le code de dispense a été changé à l'automne dernier passant du C10 au A75. À cet effet, l'administration centrale de l'ASFC, nous a signalé ce changement seulement en janvier 2016, car l'IRCC avait omis de nous informer de cette modification qui s'avère être de nature importante pour les point-d'entrées.



Tableau du nombre de PT émis dans les points-d'entrée terrestre au Canada par code de dispense

| TR WP     | 2016/March | 2015/March      |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| LMO – Val | 2,091      | 2,130           |
| C43       | 757        | 206             |
| C41       | 421        | 237             |
| T13       | 334        | 301             |
| T23       | 264        | 257             |
| A75       | 164        | 0 autrefois C10 |
| T24       | 91         | 142             |
| C10       | 75         | 295             |
| C12       | 71         | 54              |
| C32       | 56         | 5               |
| C44       | 42         | 15              |
| C20       | 41         | 32              |
| C42       | 40         | 18              |
| C13       | 38         | 11              |
| C21       | 33         | 35              |
| T11       | 24         | 24              |
| A70       | 22         | 9               |
| C11       | 22         | 11              |
| C50       | 21         | 21              |
| T12       | 16         | 14              |
| C14       | 13         |                 |
| T33       | 4          | 2               |
| C45       | 3          |                 |
| C22       | 2          | 5               |
| C25       | 2          |                 |
| H82       | 1          |                 |
| T21       | 1          |                 |
| C30       |            | 2               |
| C33       |            | 1               |
| S61       |            | 1               |
| Total WP  | 4,649      | 3,828           |

#### Permis d'étude

- Séparer les données par rapport aux PE initiés à l'étranger mais émis au PDE versus ceux initiés et émis au point-d'entrée (PDE). Pour les mêmes raisons invoquées précédemment pour les PT.

#### Permis de séjour temporaire

- Séparer les données par « article d'interdiction de territoire ».

#### Fiche de visiteur

- Séparer les données par la nationalité de l'étranger.

**Blackburn, Karine**

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**De:** Renaud, Jean-François de la part de Auclair, Rachel  
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Bonjour,

PVI.

Bonne journée.

*Jean-François Renaud pour/for*  
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Bonjour,

Pour votre information.

Bonne journée,

*Mélissa St-Hilaire pour Pierre Provost*  
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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b>                    |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 9, 2016   Le 9 décembre 2016</b>                         |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

The purpose of this daily performance report is to provide an overview of activities/events related to the December 1, 2016 visa lift on Mexican Nationals.

Le but de ce rapport quotidien sur le rendement est de fournir un aperçu des activités/événements liés à la levée du visa pour les ressortissants mexicains à partir du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City  | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 1                        | 0                         | 0                    | 26                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 2                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |

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|-------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Los Cabos   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Cozumel     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Grand Total | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 14 | 3 |

- No significant event to report.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 1                      | 60                             |
|                   | Inland | 1                      | 10                             |
| IRCC              | Inland | 3                      | 81                             |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 5                      | 151                            |

Number of 44\* Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE        | 11                     | 176                            |
| Inland     | 11                     | 110                            |
| CBSA Total | 22                     | 286                            |

\* An A44 Report is a document that states if a person is inadmissible to Canada. It serves as the notification of an allegation of inadmissibility to the Minister's Delegate or the member of the Immigration Division at an admissibility hearing.

Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 30                     | 1,999                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 55                     | 677                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 86                     | 19,301                         |

# Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3                      | 157                            |

- No significant enforcement or issues encountered at Ports of Entry.

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b><br><b>Leveé de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b> |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b>         |
| <b>December 9, 2016   Le 9 décembre 2016</b><br><b>14:00 ET / HE</b>         |

The purpose of this daily performance report is to provide an overview of activities/events related to the December 1, 2016 visa lift on Mexican Nationals.

Le but de ce rapport quotidien sur le rendement est de fournir un aperçu des activités/événements liés à la levée du visa pour les ressortissants mexicains à partir du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 2016.

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Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City  | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 1                        | 0                         | 0                    | 26                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 2                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
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## Levée de l'obligation du visa pour les citoyens du Mexique

Le 15 novembre 2015, dans une rencontre en marge du Sommet du G20 entre le premier ministre du Canada et le président du Mexique, le premier ministre Justin Trudeau s'est engagé à lever l'obligation de visa pour les citoyens mexicains <sup>1</sup>. Le visa de résident temporaire avait été imposé en 2009 afin d'endiguer le flot de demandeurs d'asile en provenance de ce pays.

Dans l'année précédant l'imposition du visa, la Section du renseignement avait procédé à une analyse<sup>2</sup> exhaustive du mouvement mexicain dans la région du Québec qui avait permis d'identifier trois problèmes principaux associés au mouvement :

- l'abus du programme de protection des réfugiés;
- la présence de criminels;
- l'usage frauduleux du passeport mexicain.

Ces mêmes problèmes pourraient ressurgir une fois levée l'obligation du visa.

### 1. Demandeurs d'asile

Le Mexique est devenu le premier pays source de demandeurs d'asile au Canada dès 2005 et le mouvement a atteint son point culminant en 2008 avec 9465 demandeurs dont 5918 au Québec, soit 63% du total du mouvement. L'aéroport P-E- Trudeau recevait la plus large part des demandeurs mexicains ce qui exerçait une forte pression sur ses ressources. Avec l'imposition du visa, le nombre de demandeurs d'asile a chuté radicalement, s'établissant à 1202 au Canada, dont 245 au Québec, en 2010.

L'analyse effectuée en 2008 a permis de conclure que le mouvement était très largement constitué de migrants économiques. Ces derniers tiraient profit des délais de traitement des demandes d'asile extrêmement longs pour travailler au Canada afin de mettre de l'argent de côté et bénéficier des soins de santé gratuits. Peu de demandeurs étant reconnus réfugiés, la plupart retournaient au Mexique.

En 2012, le gouvernement du Canada annonçait l'entrée en vigueur de la politique sur les pays d'origine désignés (POD) dont l'objectif est de prévenir l'abus du système de protection des réfugiés par des personnes provenant de pays qui sont considérés comme sûrs. Les demandeurs des POD ne peuvent obtenir un permis de travail dès leur arrivée au Canada, sont entendus par la CISR dans des délais plus courts et ceux dont la demande d'asile est infondée sont renvoyés dans leur pays plus rapidement. En vertu de cette nouvelle politique, les demandeurs déboutés provenant d'un POD n'avaient pas le droit d'interjeter appel devant la Section d'appel

<sup>1</sup> <http://pm.gc.ca/fra/nouvelles/2015/11/15/premier-ministre-justin-trudeau-rencontre-president-du-mexique-enrique-pena>

<sup>2</sup> Section du renseignement de l'ASFC. Le mouvement mexicain dans la région du Québec, 2006-2008. No. SIED 62480. Montréal, Février 2009. 17 pages

des réfugiés, mais cette disposition a été invalidée par la Cour fédérale du Canada le 23 juillet 2015. Reste à voir quel sera l'impact de ce jugement sur les délais de traitement. Le Mexique a été placé sur la liste des POD le 15 février 2013.<sup>3</sup>

**La dispense de l'obligation du visa devrait relancer le mouvement des demandeurs d'asile mexicains, mais probablement dans des proportions moindres en raison de la désignation du Mexique en tant que POD.**

## 2. Criminels

S'appuyant sur le renseignement alors disponible, sur des saisies de cocaïne en provenance du Mexique effectuées par la GRC et des enquêtes du SPVM, l'analyse de 2008 faisait état de la présence des cartels de drogues mexicains en sol canadien, notamment au Québec, et de l'émergence des gangs de rue latinos. En outre, l'analyse signalait l'interception de 130 Mexicains interdits de territoire pour grande criminalité dans la région du Québec entre 2006 et 2008.

**La levée de l'obligation du visa facilitera les voyages au Canada de criminels et membres d'organisations criminelles.**

## 3. Usage frauduleux du passeport mexicain

A quelques rares exceptions près, les citoyens de tous les pays de l'Amérique latine ont besoin d'un visa pour venir au Canada. Lorsque les citoyens du Mexique étaient dispensés de l'obligation du VRT, leur document de voyage était une cible de choix pour les migrants irréguliers d'autres pays.

Outre les demandeurs d'asile, des groupes criminels utilisaient le passeport mexicain pour entrer au Canada dans le but de se livrer à des activités illicites. Au début des années 2000, le document de voyage mexicain était le document privilégié par les membres d'un réseau de voleurs colombiens et péruviens qui sévissaient dans la région de Montréal. Des trafiquants de drogue et des membres d'autres groupes criminels mexicains utilisaient pour leur part des passeports altérés ou obtenus frauduleusement pour voyager au Canada sous de fausses identités.

**Avec la levée de l'obligation du visa, on peut s'attendre à rencontrer à nouveau des passeports mexicains frauduleux utilisés par des demandeurs d'asile et des criminels.**

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cic.gc.ca/francais/refugies/reforme-surs.asp>



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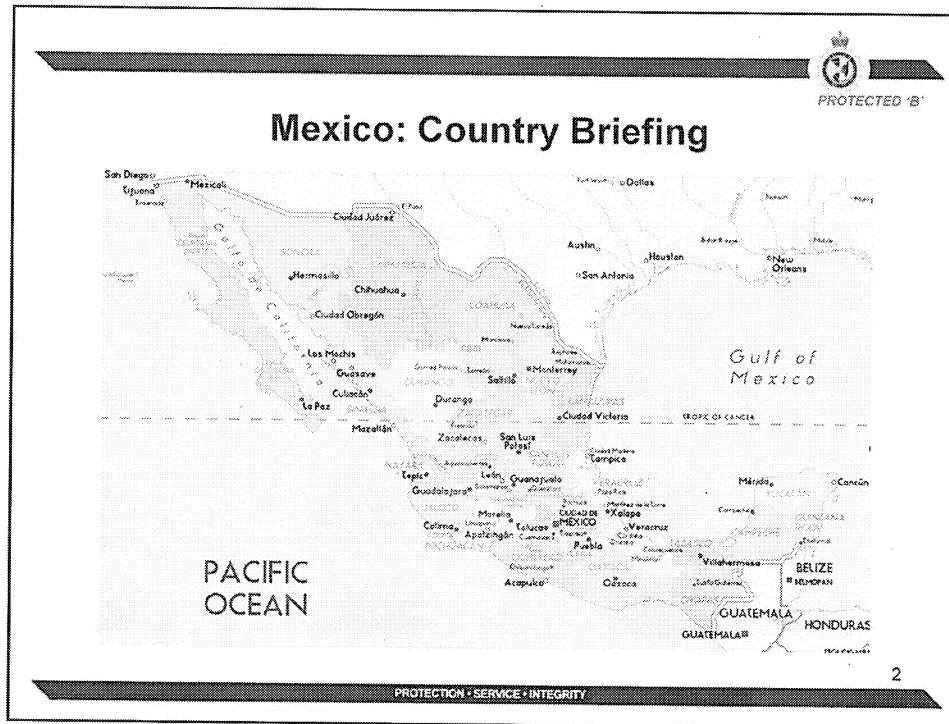
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- Mexico is home to approximately 121 million people.
- The 2015 United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) reported that **Mexico** saw a surge of 20% in the number of arrivals in 2014 which resulted in it climbing five places in the ranking of International Tourist Arrivals and re-entering the **Top 10** at position 10 as a '**World's Top Tourism Destination**'. (Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO Tourism Highlights 2015 Edition <http://www.e-unwto.org/doi/pdf/10.18111/9789284416899> )



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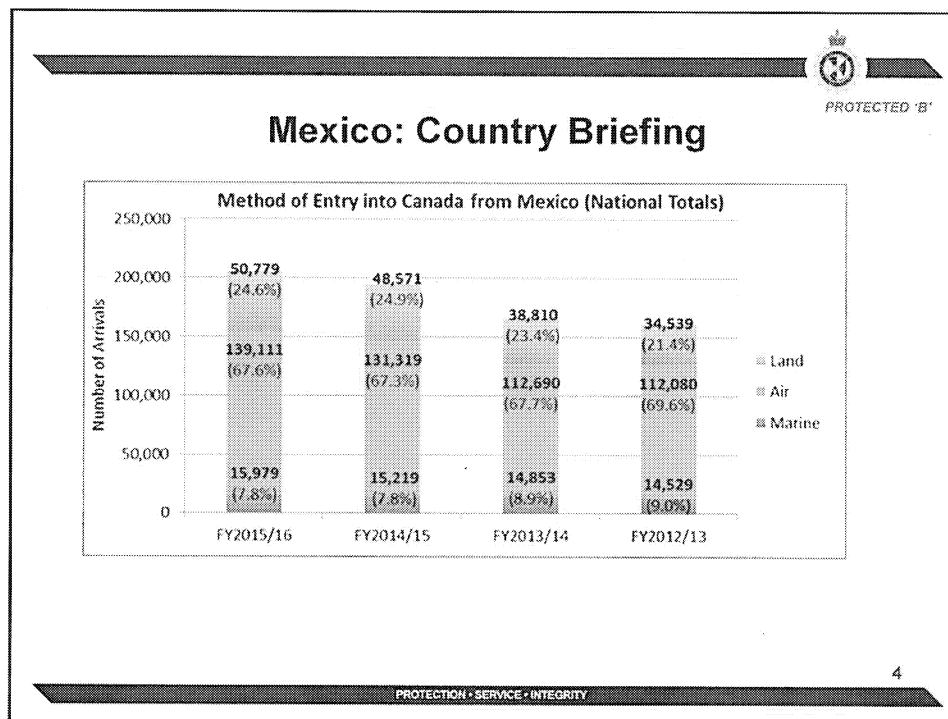
### Travel between Canada and Mexico:

- Gov't of Canada has lifted the Mexico visa requirement effective December 1, 2016
- Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA's) are now in effect. Visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada need an eTA. Exceptions include US citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens and PR's cannot apply for a eTA. (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/visit/eta.asp> )

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- With two direct flights per day, seven days a week between Mexico City and Vancouver (Air Canada and Aeromexico), it is anticipated the number of visitors to the Pacific Region will continue to increase throughout the year. (Source: Brend, Yvette. "B.C. tourists flocking from Paris, Mexico." *CBC News British Columbia*. CBC, 21 May 2016. Web. 24 May 2016. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/tourism-france-mexico-b-c-flights-direct-paris-1.3594234> )



- AIR:** Analysis of all methods of arrivals (nationally) into Canada from Mexico over the past four fiscal years indicates that, on average, the vast majority of arrivals are via the air mode (68.1%), followed by land mode (23.6%) and marine mode (8.4%). The Pacific Region reported similar averages for each mode. (Source: CMRS statistics: Method of arrival, Last Country of Departure: Mexico)
- CRUISE SHIPS:** Currently, there are 17 cruise ship ports of call along Mexico's west and east coasts. Over the past few years, Mexico has experienced a steady increase in the number of cruise ship passengers it receives each year. 2016 is projected to be 6.1 million passengers. (As a comparable, Port Metro Vancouver projects 830,000 passengers will arrive in Vancouver in 2016.) Cruise ships arrive at most Mexico ports of call year round however, some of the ships will reposition from the Mexican Riviera (west coast) or Western Caribbean (east coast) routes to the Pacific Region (Vancouver and Victoria) for the Alaska cruise ship season. (Source: Mexico and Cruise Industry are Thriving Together, FCCA event shows. Seatrade-Cruise.com. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 May 2016. <http://www.seatrade-cruise.com/news/news-headlines/mexico-and-cruise-industry-are-thriving-together-fcca-event-shows.html> and Ren, Julia. "A strong 2016 cruise season marks Canada Place's 30th anniversary." PortVancouver.com. N.p., 4 Apr. 2016. Web. 12 May 2016. <http://www.portvancouver.com/news-and-media/news/a-strong-2016-cruise-season-marks-canada-places-30th-anniversary/>)



- LAND: The drive between Canada (Vancouver area) and Mexico (Tijuana, Baja California) can be accomplished within approximately 24 hours. The two countries are linked by the US Interstate-5 (I-5) highway that runs north/south along the west coast of the US (California, Oregon and Washington State). The I-5 is also a widely utilized commercial trucking route linking the three countries, especially amongst truckers who pick up/drop off produce shipments at one of the many food or produce suppliers in southern California.



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### Top 10 Busiest Airports in Mexico

| AIRPORT VOLUMES                              | LOCATION                       | AVG PAX VOLUME / YEAR |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mexico City Int'l Airport (MEX)              | Mexico City, Distrito Federal  | 26,370,000            |
| Cancun Int'l Airport (CUN)                   | Cancun, Quintana Roo           | 13,000,000            |
| Guadalajara Int'l Airport (GDL)              | Guadalajara, Jalisco           | 7,200,000             |
| General Mariano Escobedo Int'l Airport (MTY) | Monterrey, Nuevo Leon          | 5,600,000             |
| Tijuana Int'l Airport (TIJ)                  | Tijuana, Baja California       | 3,500,000             |
| Los Cabos Int'l Airport (SJD)                | Los Cabos, Baja California Sur | 2,800,000             |
| Lic. Gustavo Diaz Ordaz Int'l Airport (PVR)  | Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco       | 2,550,000             |
| Lic. Adolfo Lopez Mateos Int'l Airport (TLC) | Toluca, State of Mexico        | 1,500,000             |
| Manuel Crescencio Rejon Int'l Airport (MID)  | Merida, Yucatan                | 1,225,000             |
| Hermosillo Int'l Airport (HMO)               | Hermosillo, Sonora             | 1,200,000             |


Highlighted rows indicate a Pacific Region nexus

*Statistics reflect traveller volumes at Mexico's Airports - to/from any Destination*

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- **AIR:** Chart showing the Top 10 busiest airports in Mexico based on the average number of passengers annually travelling through them, domestic and international. (Source: WorldListMania.com. N.p., n.d. Web. 25 May 2016. <http://www.worldlistmania.com/top-10-busiest-airports-mexico/>)
- Orange highlighted rows indicated that within the past two years, flights from this airport have arrived at a Pacific Region airport.



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### Incoming Flights to YVR

#### Direct Flights from Mexico City

| Air Carrier | Flight Code | Destination | Time<br>Arrivals/Departures | Type of Service  | Flight Loads |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Air Canada  | 997         | MEX         | 09:55                       | Daily            | 120          |
| AeroMexico  | 694         | MEX         | 05:33                       | Tues, Thurs, Sat | 160          |
| AeroMexico  | 698         | MEX         | 22:02                       | Daily            | 160          |

#### Charter Flights

| Destination        | Airport code | Airlines       | Flights per week |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cancun             | CUN          | AC, TS, WG, WS | 13               |
| Huatulco           | HUX          | WG             | 2                |
| Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo | ZIH          | AC             | 1                |
| Manzanillo         | ZLO          | WG             | 1                |
| Mazatlan           | MZT          | WG, WS         | 2                |
| Puerto Vallarta    | PVR          | AC, TS, WG, WS | 12               |
| San Jose Del Cabo  | SJD          | AC, WG, WS     | 5                |


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AeroMexico has added three additional flights arriving into YVR at 0530 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in addition to their daily service from Mexico City arriving at YVR at 2205. A third flight (3 times per week) has been added by Aero Mexico

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### Incoming Flights to Other Pacific Region Airports

#### Victoria International Airport

| Destination       | Airport code | Airlines           | Flights per week |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Puerto Vallarta   | PVR          | West Jet / Transat | 2                |
| Huatulco          | HUX          | Sunwing            | 1                |
| Cancun            | CUN          | West Jet / Transat | 2                |
| San Jose Del Cabo | SJD          | Sunwing            | 1                |

#### Abbotsford International Airport

| Destination     | Airport code | Airlines | Flights per week |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Puerto Vallarta | PVR          | WestJet  | 1                |

#### Kelowna International Airport

| Destination       | Airport code | Airlines                       | Flights per week |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Cancun            | CUN          | West Jet / Sunwing/Air Transat | 4                |
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#### Charter Flights from Prince George Airport

1 per week – WestJet, Puerto Vallarta

#### Charter Flights from Comox Valley International Airport

1 per week – WestJet, Puerto Vallarta



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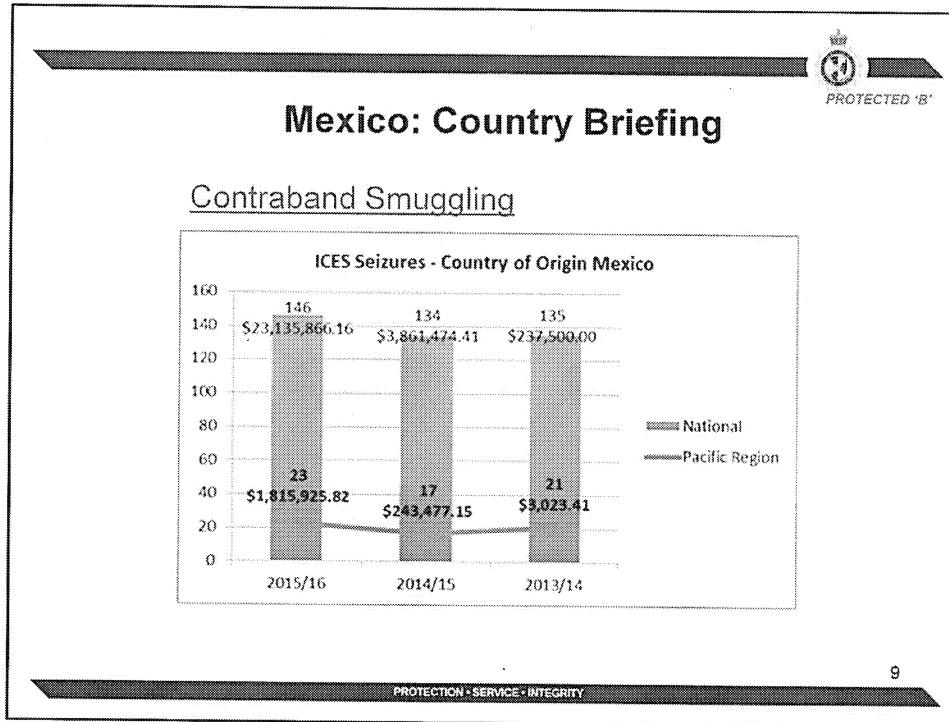
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### Threats and Risks:

- Contraband Smuggling
- Human Smuggling
- Irregular Migration
- Cartels
- Other Organized Crime
- South American Theft Groups (SATG's)

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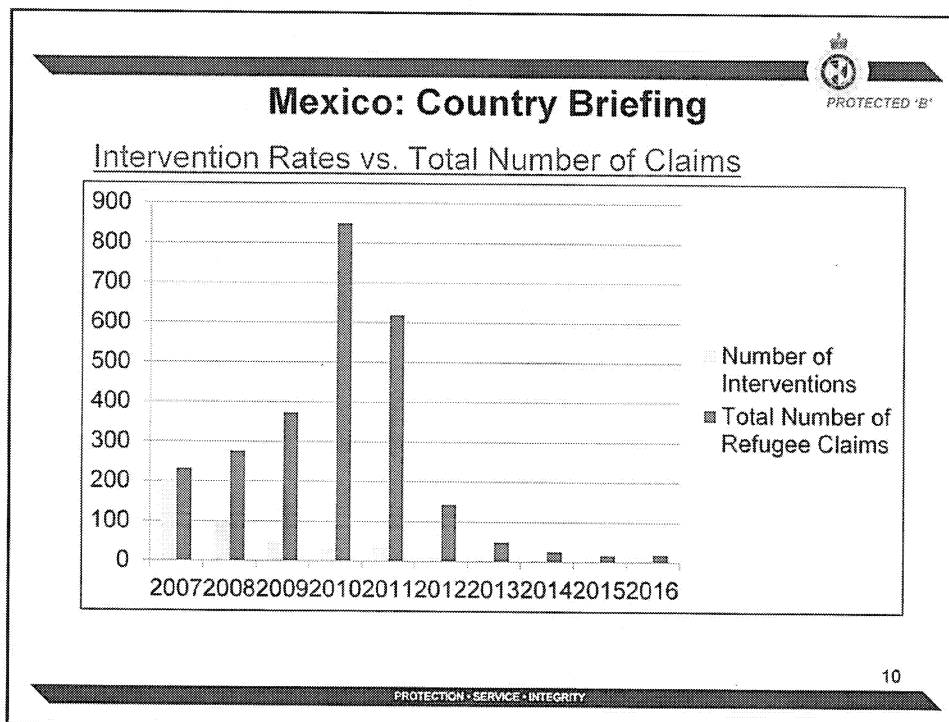
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A review of Integrated Customs Enforcement System (ICES) statistics for the past three fiscal years revealed that on average, the Pacific Region accounted for approximately 15% of all seizures when Country of Origin: Mexico was selected. This past fiscal year (2015/16) reported an increase in the overall number of seizures when compared to the past two fiscal years (2014/15 – 17; 2013/14 – 21) however the total dollar value was significantly higher. This increase in value is attributed to one seizure that took place at the Container Examination Facility (CEF) where CBSA officers located 14.4 kg of cocaine concealed within wood pallets.

2015-PAC-0079: cocaine seizure by Metro Vancouver Commercial Operations. The 14.4 kg of cocaine was concealed within the wood pallets.

2016-PAC-0049: Pacific Highway Commercial Operations seizure that included 30 kg methamphetamine and one kg each of heroin and cocaine hidden within a pallet of carrots.




- Mexico is currently ranked 41st as the top source country for refugee claimants according to the Refugee Claims Analysis Report (RCAR) for the period January through June 2016, and was ranked 35th overall on the 2015 RCAR. There have been 103 refugee claims filed by Mexican nationals for the period January 1 to August 31, 2016: of these 54% were male compared to 46% female, 37% were minors, 84% claimed to have entered Canada by air, and 81% had been issued a TRV (Source - **Mexico visa lift: Impact on Immigration pre-arrival risk assessment activities at the National Targeting Centre**)
- It has been indicated by the Canadian government that if the number of refugee claims exceeds 3,500 in any 12 month period that the visa restrictions on Mexican nationals will be again imposed (Source - **Mexico visa lift: Impact on Immigration pre-arrival risk assessment activities at the National Targeting Centre**)

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| <u>Commercial Importations – Direct from Mexico:</u>  |                    |               |
| <b><u>Air Cargo Shipments</u></b>   |                    |               |
| <b>CCN's</b>  | <b>2014 - 2016</b> | <b>18,901</b> |
|   | <b>2016*</b>       | <b>7161</b>   |
|   | <b>2015</b>        | <b>6042</b>   |
|   | <b>2014</b>        | <b>5698</b>   |
| <b><u>Marine Cargo Shipments</u></b>  |                    |               |
| <b>CCN's</b>  | <b>2014 - 2016</b> | <b>3515</b>   |
|   | <b>2016*</b>       | <b>1336</b>   |
|   | <b>2015</b>        | <b>1041</b>   |
|   | <b>2014</b>        | <b>1138</b>   |
| * Statistics : 2016 to November 15 <sup>th</sup>  |                    |               |
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Analysis of commercial imports into the Pacific Region from Mexico identified the Top 4 tariff codes imported for fiscal year 2015/16:


- Lemons and limes – Overall = Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Shutters, Curtains and Blinds
- Tires
- Metal balls/couplings



  
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### Narcotics Trends – Mexico



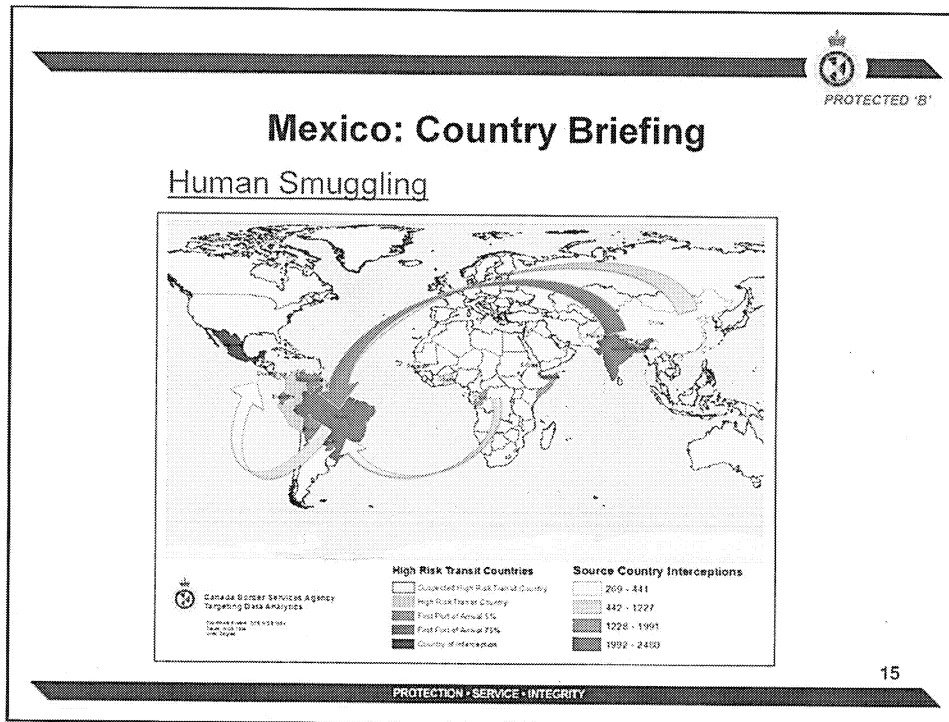
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Picture is a PIA coke seizure ([www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca))

CBSA officers seized 100 bundles of suspected cocaine at Toronto Pearson International Airport in January from an airplane arriving from Mexico. The bundles, in the shape of bricks, were found inside cardboard boxes in two large wooden crates on the aircraft's cargo. The 100 bundles weighed close to 118 kilograms. The agency says officers were doing a routine cargo examination of the plane on Jan. 17 when they decided to inspect a shipment further. The shipment was taken to CBSA offices, where officers discovered the wooden crates.

#### Narcotics Trends – Mexico:

- 2007 there were 4 major cartels, currently there are 25 +/-.
- Several cartels are now focusing activities on methamphetamine production.
- Massive quantities of precursor chemicals are being shipped from China to Mexico.
- Mexico is the world's second largest producer of opium, after Afghanistan.
- Poppy cultivation in Mexico has tripled in the past few years.
- Regular international intelligence reports Cartels establishing import businesses in Canada



- The map shows the Top Ten source countries for Third Country Nationals (TCNs) intercepted in Mexico by Mexican authorities (Mexican Instituto Nacional de migración) and high risk transit countries used en route to Mexico. Mexico is considered to be a transit hub for TCNs en route to Canada.



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### Irregular Migration

| A44 REPORT (A44s) ISSUED TO CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |                                      |          |        |        |
|--|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|  | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION A44s Issued - By Mode |          |        |        |
|  |          |                | Air                                  | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16  | 408      | 162            | 50                                   | 12       | 0      | 100    |
| 2014/15  | 417      | 154            | 40                                   | 21       | 1      | 92     |
| 2013/14  | 461      | 189            | 42                                   | 24       | 1      | 122    |

| ALLOWED TO LEAVE (ATL) ISSUED TO CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |                                      |          |        |        |
|---|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|   | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION ATLs Issued - By Mode |          |        |        |
|   |          |                | Air                                  | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16   | 2,141    | 290            | 70                                   | 214      | 5      | 1      |
| 2014/15   | 349      | 24             | 37                                   | 37       | 0      | 0      |
| 2013/14   | 216      | 70             | 36                                   | 34       | 0      | 0      |

| NOTICE OF ARREST (NOA) FOR CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |                                      |          |        |        |
|---|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|   | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION NOAs Issued - By Mode |          |        |        |
|   |          |                | Air                                  | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16                                       | 287      | 60             | 7                                    | 1        | 0      | 52     |
| 2014/15                                       | 438      | 60             | 9                                    | 0        | 0      | 51     |
| 2013/14                                       | 518      | 90             | 12                                   | 1        | 0      | 77     |

| REFUGEE CLAIMS MADE BY CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |   |          |        |        |
|---|----------|----------------|---|----------|--------|--------|
|   | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION Refugee Claims - By Mode |          |        |        |
|   |          |                | Air                                     | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16                                   | 48       | 10             | 0                                       | 0        | 0      | 10     |
| 2014/15                                   | 36       | 15             | 4                                       | 6        | 0      | 5      |
| 2013/14                                   | 67       | 15             | 3                                       | 3        | 0      | 9      |


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#### Irregular Migration:

A review of Immigration related statistics, including Inadmissibility Reporting (A44), Allowed to Leaves, Notice of Arrests and Refugee Claims (made by citizens of Mexico) over the past three fiscal years (2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16). The statistics show the national totals (which include Pacific Region totals) as well as a breakdown of Pacific Region statistics by mode (Air, Land/Highway, Marine and Inland).

It was also reported by ILOAD that of the individuals analyzed, the majority (63%) entered Canada via the air mode. It was also noted that 18% entered Canada by eluding reporting to a port of entry (POE) in the area between Douglas and Abbotsford POEs.


  
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### Document Analysis Unit (DAU)

**Topics:**

- Briefs and Trend Reports
- Document Alerts/Bulletins
- Document Examination Courses
- Sending Documents to the PRDAU
- Document Examination Tips and Techniques
- Links to Additional Resources
- Policy and Procedure
- VSC40HD User Guide (under development)

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2013R-02 Mexican Identity Documents Reduced

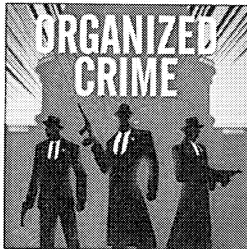
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- Inadmissibility under Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) includes:
  - Section 34 (National Security)
  - Section 35 (Human Rights Violations)
  - Section 36 (Criminality)
  - Section 37 (Organized Crime)
    - Section 37 (1)(a)  
*Members of an organized crime group*
    - Section 37 (1)(b)  
*Engage in transnational criminal activity.*



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- CBSA Intelligence Operations and Analysis Division (IOAD) reported in April, 2016 IOAD 2016-APR-01 that between 2012 and 2015, 354 Mexican nationals were reported for inadmissibility under IRPA.

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- IOAD also reported that of the individuals analyzed, the majority (63%) entered Canada via the air mode in BC (31%). Over 81% came to Canada properly

documented however 18% entered Canada by eluding reporting to a port of entry (POE) in the area between Douglas and Abbotsford POEs. (Source: CBSA Intelligence Operations and Analysis Division (IOAD) IOAD\_2016-APR-001)

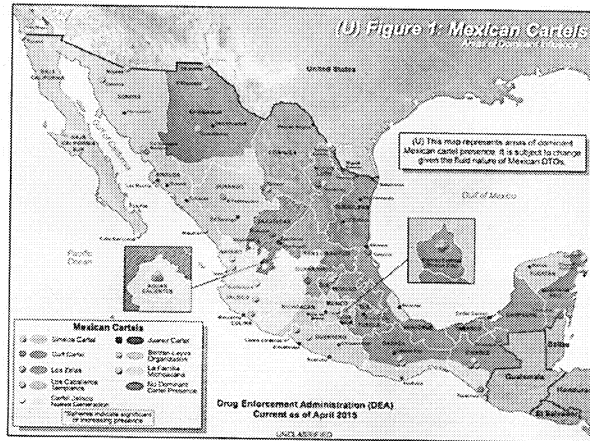
- OB PRG-2016-XX 'Visa requirement lifted for Mexican nationals and Safe Third Country Agreement Implications' (\*\*\*)Please print off this OB – it includes additional information re: eTAs and Safe 3<sup>rd</sup>). Highlights include:
  - **Exemption from Canada-United States (U.S.) Safe Third Country Agreement**  
 - Please note that once the visa has been lifted, Mexican nationals will qualify for an exception to the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) and can make a refugee claim at a land port of entry. The STCA exception, outlined in R159.5(g) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations*, is applicable to foreign nationals who are visa exempt to enter Canada, but require a visa to enter the US.
  - Liaison Officers (LOs) should support air carriers, as usual, to ensure that Mexican nationals are properly documented prior to flying to Canada. LOs must complete a Support System for Intelligence (SSI) report for each and every **fraudulent** interception abroad.
  - **ALL** BSOs in air, land and marine modes, as well as inland officers, **must** enter information into SSI, without delay, regarding **all instances** of and related to the movement of improperly documented arrivals in Canada, claimants for refugee protection in Canada, and other irregular migrants. This includes foreign nationals who are issued a Temporary Resident Permit to overcome their inadmissibility, or foreign nationals who withdraw their application to enter Canada under section 42 of IRPR and leave immediately.
  - When applicable, BSOs must ensure that the "Transportation Violation" field reflects the proper violation in their SSI report.

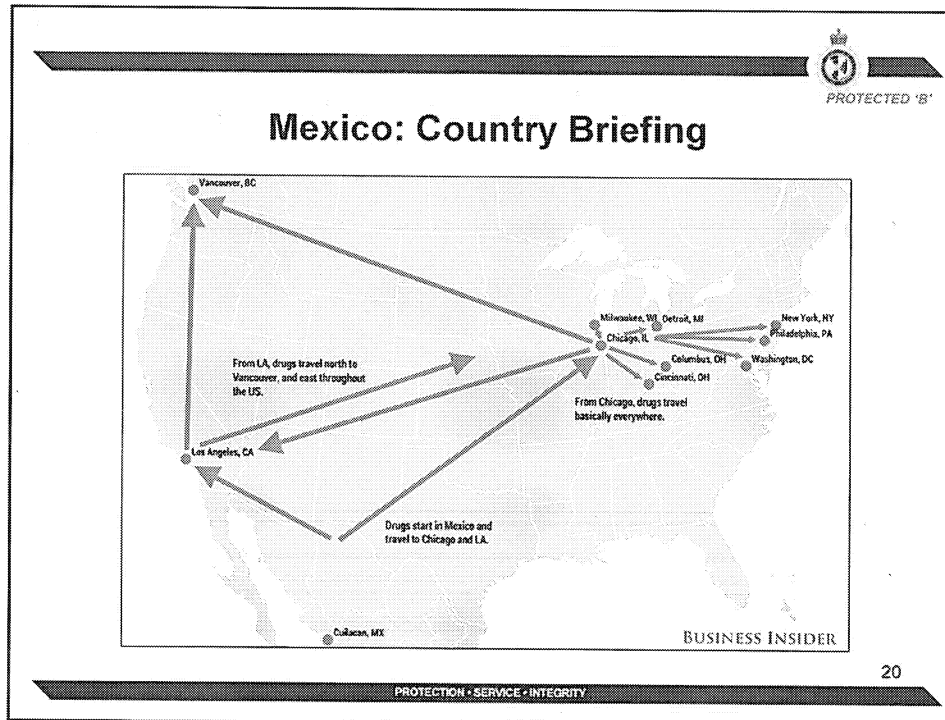


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## Cartels






- This map, developed based on testimony of former Sinaloa operatives, shows the cartel's distribution network as of the late 2000's. It is uncertain what, if any, impact Joaquini 'El Chapo' Guzmans capture will have on his Sinaloa's cartels narcotic distribution network.
- Mexico is the transit zone between the biggest source of drugs and the biggest consumer (US).
- Mexico remains a source country for narcotics, including cocaine, marihuana and prescription medication (heroin, methamphetamine and steroids). Additionally, recent intelligence indicates precursor chemicals are imported from China to Mexico for drug production.
- In the Pacific Region, cocaine, methamphetamine and marihuana were the top three commodities seized over the past three years with Country of Origin: Mexico (Source: ICES)
- Mexico has four container terminals; 2 on the east coast and 2 on the west coast.
- The leading port container in Mexico is the Port of Manzanillo...located on the west coast and provides shipping services to the Pacific Rim, including ports along the US west coast and into Vancouver as well as Hong Kong and China.



- Intelligence indicates the cartel groups are actively seeking control of this port. Control of the Port of Manzanillo is integral to the cartels ability to import precursor chemicals into Mexico for production as well as exportation of the finished product.
- The presence of cartel infiltrating port security also poses a significant integrity concern (internal conspiracy) for shipping containers loaded or discharged at the Port of Manzanillo.


  
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### Organized Crime

**Alleged B.C. gang member wanted for murder arrested in Mexico**  
ISN Agency  
Tuesday, August 19, 2014 1:34:02 EDT PM

**Cartel connection: How Mexico's drug gangs set up shop in Vancouver**  
KIM DOLAN, VANCOUVER SUN 26.04.2012

**B.C. gangsters in over their heads in Mexico**  
5 B.C. men killed in Mexico in past 4 years, police say  
CBC News Posted: May 02, 2012 2:10 AM PT | Last Updated: May 02, 2012 3:47 AM PT

**B.C. gangster Tom Gisby brutally murdered in Mexico**  
KIM DOLAN, VANCOUVER SUN 04.20.2012

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- Mexico has experienced continued violence over the past decade, primarily due to ongoing drug wars.
- Various high ranking or well-known individuals from these gangs have confirmed links to Mexico, often as a result of attempting to avoid entering/exiting the US where their criminal behavior may result in stiffer penalties. There have also been multiple incidents where local gang members have established Mexican cartel affiliations for the purpose of securing drug lines and/or money laundering.
- Mexican cartel members continue to establish their presence in the Pacific Region, including forging relationships and business lines with local criminal organizations such as the Hells Angels, United Nations (UN), Independent Soldiers and WolfPack.
  - In early 2012, local United Nations (UN) gang member (Salih Abdulaziz SAHBAZ) contact for the cartels, was shot to death while visiting the Sinaloa region. It was reported that SAHBAZ had replaced two UN gang members who were killed back in 2009.
  - A few months later, Thomas GISBY, a high profile BC resident involved in the drug trade for more than 20 years moved to Mexico after a failed attempt on his life in BC. GISBY was shot and killed in a very public targeted hit, at a Starbucks in Neuvo Vallarta. ; he was executed while in the local Starbucks. GISBY had ties to local gangs, including the Hells Angels, as well as

connections to “the Mexicans and Colombians” and was considered to be a key facilitator of moving drugs between countries.

- Another high profile BC resident and full patch White Rock Hells Angel Larry AMERO was arrested in Montreal. Also arrested in Montreal with Amero were BC natives Shane MALONEY and Rabib ALKHALIL. MALONEY had influence at the Port of Montreal as a result of his West End gang association and was reported as spending long periods of time in Vancouver, where he was under surveillance by BC’s Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU). ALKHALIL moved to the Ottawa region after two of his brothers were murdered for their involvement in the BC drug trade; a third brother was ordered deported due to a cocaine trafficking conviction in Ontario. All three men (Amero, Maloney and Alkhalil) were arrested as the alleged kingpins of a cross-country cocaine ring. At the time, it was alleged AMERO was the leader of an international drug smuggling ring that worked with Mexican cartels to import and distribute 75 kg of cocaine per week.
- In August 2014, Cory Vallee, alleged UN gang founder and member was apprehended in Guadalajara, a region in Mexico with deep drug ties. Vallee was on Canada’s and Interpol’s most-wanted lists for murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder. All murder related charges were against rival gang members over control of drug territories.
- The RCMP acknowledges that cartels in recent years are bypassing the middlemen and are looking to establish their presence in the Pacific Region (and Canada). They are also willing to work with established organizations such as the Hells Angels, UN or Middle-Eastern organized crime. When establishing new business lines, cartels will often engage with someone they trust, such as a family member or friend of the family. To the cartels, they are simply expanding their business lines.



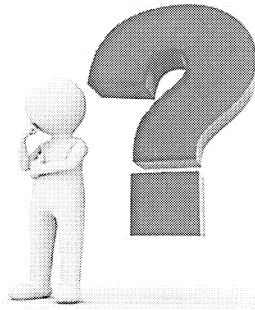
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- BSOs are encouraged to continue completing and submitting ORS reports when individuals, Canadians or foreign nationals, are intercepted or encountered at VIA with suspicious or unusual behaviour.
- Additional resources:
  - PRIS wiki page – for Intelligence Briefs and Reports



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# **National Security Unit – Mexico A37 Inadmissibility and Refugee Claims**

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## Outline

- IRPA Objectives: National Security
- Principals Governing Inadmissibility
- Primary Concerns
- Inadmissibility: A37(1)(a)&(b) – Organization & Membership/Transnational Crime
- Indicators
- Other Considerations
- Refugee Processing
- First Point of Contact (FPOC)



## **Objectives of IRPA**

### **3(1) Immigration**

- (h) to protect health and safety and to maintain the security of Canadian society
- (i) to promote international justice and security by fostering respect for human rights and by denying access to Canadian territory to persons who are criminals or security risks

### **3(2) Refugees**

- (g) to protect health and safety and to maintain the security of Canadian society
- (h) to promote international justice and security by denying access to Canadian territory to persons including refugee claimants, who are security risks or serious criminals





## **Principles Governing Inadmissibility**

- Not bound by technical rules of evidence
- Burden of proof is on the applicant they are not inadmissible to Canada
- Standard of proof is "reasonable grounds to believe"
- Inadmissibility under sections 34 to 37 include facts arising from omissions and, unless otherwise provided include facts for which there are reasonable grounds to believe that they have occurred, are occurring or may occur.



## Primary Concerns

- **Mexican Cartel Members**
  - Tijuana Cartel: operating in 26 US states
  - Juarez Cartel: operating in 27 US states
  - Gulf Cartel: operating in 10 US states
  - Sinaloa Cartel
  - Los Zetas: operating in 3 US states
    - 2009 stats



## Primary Concerns

- **Central American Gang Members – Mexico as Transit Point**
  - **Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13)** started in LA in the 1980s by El Salvadorian migrants
    - Operating in Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Spain and Italy
    - 2004 Report: 70,000 – 100,000 members in Central America and Mexico



## Primary Concerns

- **18<sup>th</sup> Street Gang:** formed in late 1960s in LA as a result of racism of Mexican street gang members who resented non-Mexican or mixed-race Mexicans who wanted to join the gang
- Operating in Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and United States (approx. 16 states)



## **Primary Concerns**

- **South American Theft Groups (SATG)**
  - Involved in serious criminal offences in other countries (drug and weapons trafficking, violent crimes)



## Primary Concerns

- **Criminality**
  - Mexican nationals with criminal records in the United States
  - Typically drug related offences
  - Can proceed in one of two ways: proceed with an ADH before the Immigration Division (MDR Unit) or Ministerial Intervention before the Refugee Protection Division (NSU)



## **Primary Concerns**

- **Human Smuggling, Human Trafficking, and Improperly Documented Arrivals (IDA)**



## Primary Concerns

- **Misrepresentation**
  - eTA and upon entry
- **Irregular Migration**
  - Coming to Canada to work or to live
  - Using Canada as a staging point to illegally enter the United States
- **Refugee Claims**





## **Evidentiary Considerations – Stat Decs**

- Transcript of recorded interview – best form of evidence. Either video or audio recorded and then transcribed. Afforded greatest weight and if there are any discrepancies, the recording can be disclosed.
- Interpreters should be used even if the individual appears proficient in English. Name of interpreter used should be included in the Statutory Declaration
- Q and A – also given great weight. Officer records all questions and answers.
- Narrative written by subject – In their own words and their native language and their own words
- Narrative written by CBSA – least weight as it does not give the entire context of the question and response



## Inadmissibility A37

- A37 provides as follows:

A permanent resident or foreign national is inadmissible on grounds of organized criminality for

- a) **being a member** of an **organization** that is believed on reasonable grounds to be or to have been engaged in activity that is **part of a pattern of criminal activity** planned and organized by a number of persons **acting in concert** in furtherance of the commission of an offence punishable under an Act of parliament by way of indictment, or in furtherance of the commission of an offence outside Canada that, if committed in Canada, would constitute such an offence, **or engaging in activity** that is part of such pattern, or
- b) **engaging**, in the context of **transnational crime**, in activities such **people smuggling, trafficking in persons or money laundering**.



## **Elements of A37(1)(a)**

The Minister has to establish the following elements for section 37(1)(a):

- Foreign national or permanent resident
- Member of an organization
- Organization is engaged in activity that is part of a pattern of criminal activity
- The pattern of criminal activity is planned and organized by a number of persons acting in concert in the furtherance of a crime

OR

- Foreign national or permanent resident
- Engaged in activity that is part of a pattern of criminal activity
- The pattern of criminal activity is planned and organized by a number of persons acting in concert in furtherance of crime



## **General Criminal Organization Principles**

- There is no definition of "criminal organization" in the IRPA.
- Criminal organization is generally understood to consist of three or more persons.
- Generally four elements are present in a criminal organization (organization; pattern; criminal activity; in concert)
- The Courts have noted the following:
  - Organization includes an informal or loosely organized group of individuals with some structure;
  - Some organizations have identity, leadership, occupied territory or regular meetings
  - These factors are helpful but no one of them is essential
  - The word "organization" is to be given a broad and unrestricted interpretation



## **General Criminal Organization Principles**

- Need to have a "*pattern of criminal activity*"
  - Multiple interconnected criminal transactions or incidents that constitute an ongoing threat and are more than a series of unrelated or isolated acts.
- The "criminal activity" can have occurred **outside of Canada**.
- The "criminal activity" in question is not limited to acts punishable by 5 years or more.



## General Criminal Organization Principles

- BUT
  - Supreme Court of Canada decision in B010 has changed this somewhat
  - Despite previous case law on loose and unrestricted interpretation on organization – SCC has stated that that a material benefit is required and it must be conducted in the context of organized crime
  - In doing so, it is relying on the definition of “criminal organization” found in the Criminal Code

## **Evidence for Establishing Criminal Organization**



- General documentary evidence (from scholars, research institutions etc.)
- Documentary evidence from police or intelligence agencies ( e.g. CPIC, FINTRAC; police reports, police intelligence profiles etc.)
- Judicial findings
- Expert testimony by domestic or foreign police officers / investigators.



## General Membership Principles

- CCC Section 467.1(1)
  - Group however organized
    - Composed of three or more people, AND
    - Has as one of its main purposes or main activities the facilitation or commission of one or more serious offences that, if committed, would likely result in the direct or indirect receipt of a material benefit, including a financial benefit, by the group or by any of the persons who constitute the group
    - Does NOT include a group of persons that forms randomly for the immediate commission of a single offence





## **Engaging in a Pattern of Criminal Activity**

- Deals with individuals who are not formal members of the organization but are nonetheless involved in with the criminal organization ( e.g. associates; hangers-on etc.)
- Need to have evidence of involvement in specific criminal organization activities
- Criminal conviction or charge is not required



## **Elements of A37(1)(b)**

The Minister has to establish the following elements for section 37(1)(b) :

- permanent resident or foreign national
- Engaging in activities in the context of transnational crime
- Such as people smuggling, people trafficking, money laundering



### **A37(1)(b)**

- List is not exhaustive, may include drug trafficking (*Sidhu, Dhillon*)
- Definition of money laundering in s. 462.31 Criminal Code
- Definition of human smuggling is in section 117(1) IRPA

No person shall organize, induce, aid or abet the coming into Canada of one or more persons knowing that, or being reckless as to whether, their coming into Canada is or would be in contravention of this Act.

\*\*\*B010 SCC decision requires that the smuggler receive a



### **A37(1)(b)**

- Definition of people trafficking in s. 118 IRPA:

No person shall knowingly organize the coming into Canada of one or more persons by means of abduction, fraud, deception or use or threat of force or coercion.



## **Transnational Crime - UNCTOC**

### Article 3

For the purpose of paragraph 1 of this article, an offence is transnational in nature if:

- (a) It is committed in more than one State;
- (b) It is committed in one State but a substantial part of its preparation, planning, direction or control takes place in another State;
- (c) It is committed in one State but involves an organized criminal group that engages in criminal activities in more than one State; or
- (d) It is committed in one State but has substantial effects in another State.



## **Other Considerations**

- As per ENF 4, there is no right to counsel during a secondary examination. SCC held that a secondary exam does not constitute detention within the meaning paragraph 10(b) of the Charter. These exams are considered routine information-gathering exercises.
- BUT this changes once an individual is formally arrested and detained and the right to counsel should be afforded before the commencement of any exam thereafter.



## Other Considerations

- Ensure you question any instances of non-compliance in other jurisdictions.
- One of the factors considered when the Minister is seeking continued detention is a lack of compliance with judicial or immigration proceedings.
- This could go a long way to support the Minister's case for continued detention at the least for the initial 48 hour Detention Review.



## Other Considerations

- Multiple Allegations
  - Consider all possible allegations for which there is evidence not just an A37 allegation. Write separate A44 reports for each allegation
  - Consider A36(1)(c) or A36(2)(c) in situations where the foreign statute does not equate with Canadian law, where an individual has no conviction but only charges pending or where there is an outstanding warrant in a foreign jurisdiction
  - NSU or MDR will always proceed with the most serious allegation but will fall back on the less serious allegations if necessary





## Refugee Processing

- 2008 marked the peak in claims from Mexican nationals
- 9472 claims nationally
- Pacific Region accounted for approximately 10% of the total number of claims
- Dramatic drop in numbers beginning with TRV imposition in 2009
- By 2011, only 651 claims
- February 2013: Mexico added to the Designated Country of Origin list
- Claims dropped to 65



## **FC Decision in *Paramo***

- An officer has no jurisdiction to examine refugee claimants after they have been determined to be eligible to make refugee claims
- Examination has to be conducted before eligibility is determined
- Officer has 3 days to refer a claim to the RPD (s. 100(1) IRPA)
- Examination of inadmissibilities under sections 34, 35, and 37 should be done before 3 days after the receipt of a claim



## **FCA Decision in *Paramo***

- An individual who makes a refugee claim is making an application pursuant to R28(d)
- A16(1.1) obliges an applicant to appear for an examination at the request of an officer
- An examination does not end until a decision has been made on the claim.
- The Minister has the jurisdiction to examine a claimant at any time up to a decision being rendered.



## **First Point of Contact Referral Procedures – A34, A35, A37**

- Regular Business Hours (Monday – Friday, 800 – 1600)
  - Requests and inquires to should be referred to the Integrated Support Unit (ISU) at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- After hour requests (7 Days/Week, 1600-0800)
  - Duty Inland Enforcement Officer – will contact NSU if required
- Superintendent approval is required to contact EID Duty Officer for after-hour assistance
- Superintendents should reference the FPOC Referral Sheet prior to making after-hours duty call

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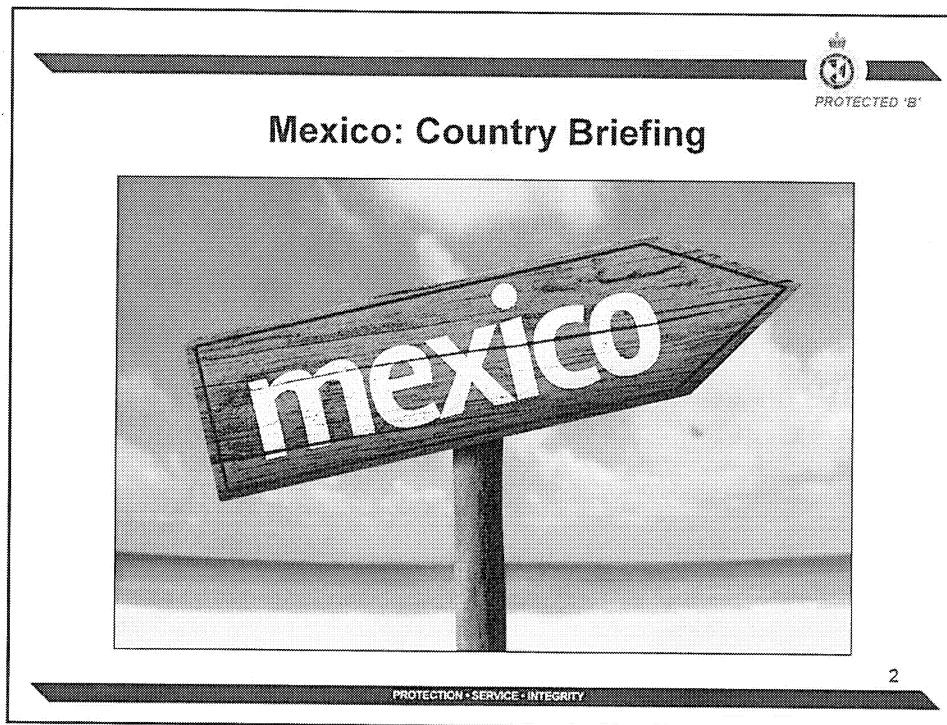
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- Mexico is home to approximately 121 million people.
- Mexico shares a border with the US to the north and Guatemala and Belize to the south.
- Mexico is bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west coast and the Gulf of Mexico as well as the Caribbean Sea on the east coast.
- Mexico City is the countries capitol and is home to over 20 million people.
- There are over 450 beach resorts along the coasts of Mexico. These beach resorts, as well as cruise ship ports, entice Canadians annually who are looking to escape the cold Canadian winters.
- The 2015 United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) reported that **Mexico** saw a surge of 20% in the number of arrivals in 2014 which resulted in it climbing five places in the ranking of International Tourist Arrivals and re-entering the **Top 10** at position 10 as a '**World's Top Tourism Destination**'. (Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO Tourism Highlights 2015 Edition <http://www.e-unwto.org/doi/pdf/10.18111/9789284416899> )



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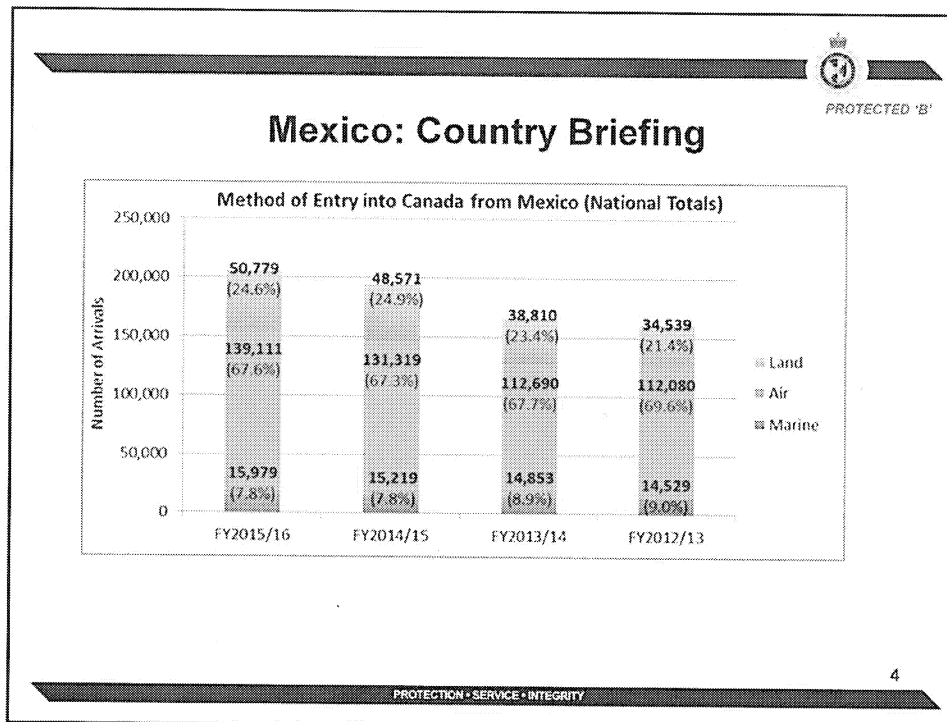
### Travel between Canada and Mexico:

- Gov't of Canada has lifted the Mexico visa requirement effective December 1, 2016
- Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA's) are now in effect. Visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada need an eTA. Exceptions include US citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens and PR's cannot apply for a eTA. (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/visit/eta.asp> )

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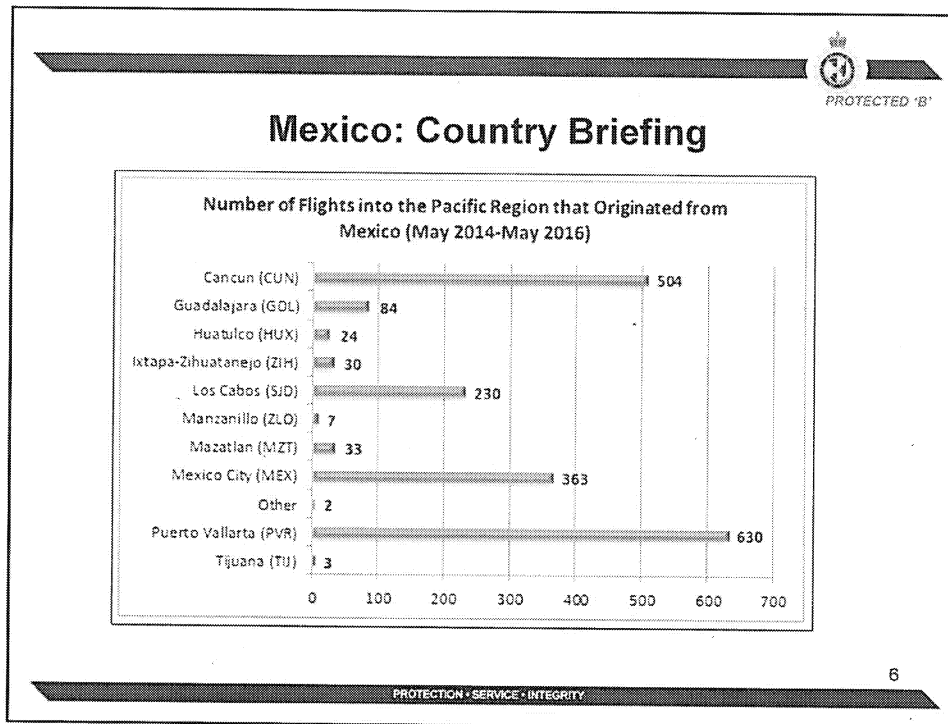
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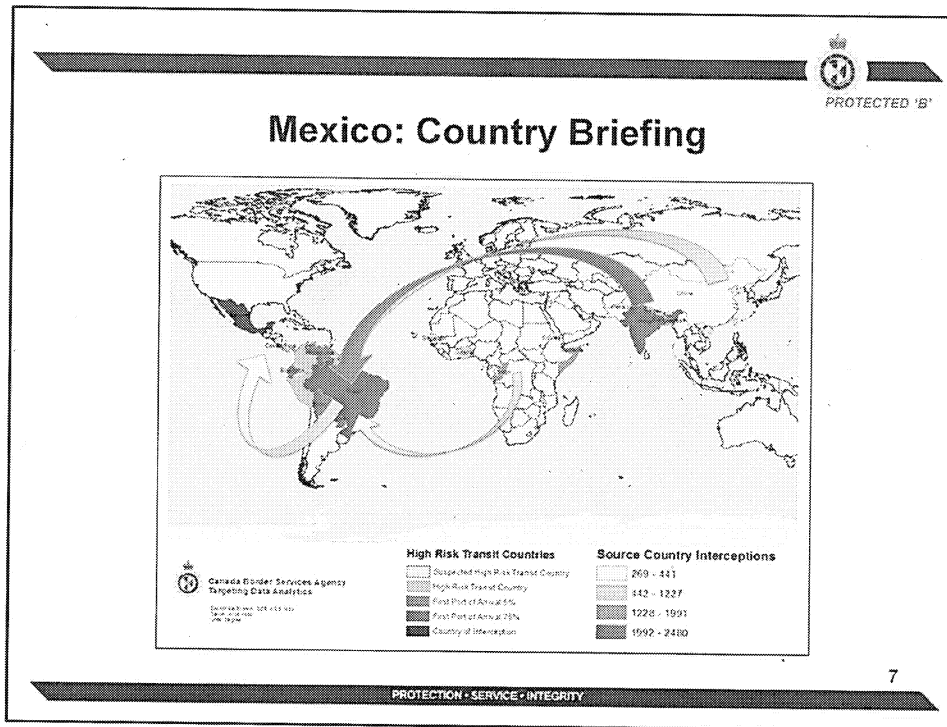
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- Analysis of two years of PAXIS information indicates flights from Mexico arrived at various airports in the Pacific Region, including:
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    - Comox Valley (54 flights – 6,180 passengers)
    - Kelowna (295 flights – 35,655 passengers)
    - Prince George (54 flights – 6,213 passengers)
    - Victoria (226 flights – 30,423 passengers)
    - Vancouver (1,225 flights – 154,186 passengers)
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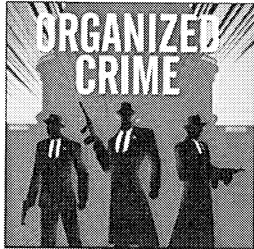


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- Inadmissibility under Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) includes:
  - Section 34 (National Security)
  - Section 35 (Human Rights Violations)
  - Section 36 (Criminality)
  - Section 37 (Organized Crime)
    - Section 37 (1)(a)  
*Members of an organized crime group*
    - Section 37 (1)(b)  
*Engage in transnational criminal activity.*

  
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- CBSA Intelligence Operations and Analysis Division (IOAD) reported in April, 2016 IOAD 2016-APR-01 that between 2012 and 2015, 354 Mexican nationals were reported for inadmissibility under IRPA.

- IOAD also reported that of the individuals analyzed, the majority (63%) entered Canada via the air mode in BC (31%). Over 81% came to Canada properly

documented however 18% entered Canada by eluding reporting to a port of entry (POE) in the area between Douglas and Abbotsford POEs. (Source: CBSA Intelligence Operations and Analysis Division (IOAD) IOAD\_2016-APR-001)

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  - When applicable, BSOs must ensure that the "Transportation Violation" field reflects the proper violation in their SSI report.


  
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### Document Analysis Unit (DAU)

**Topics:**

- Briefs and Trend Reports
- Document Alerts/Bulletins
- Document Examination Courses
- Sending Documents to the PRDAU
- Document Examination Tips and Techniques
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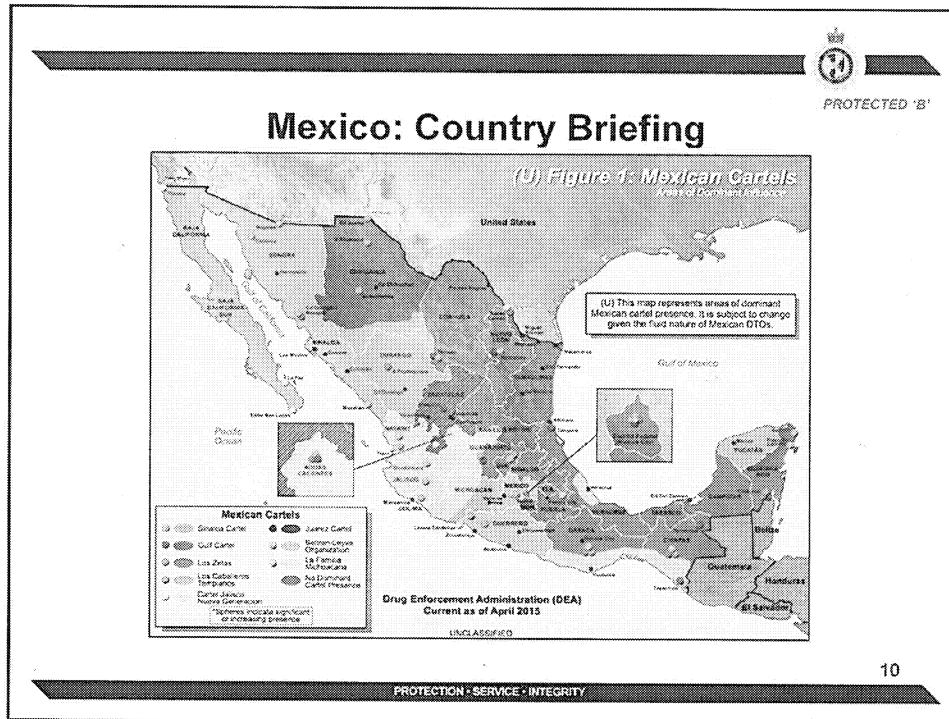
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- 2013R-02 Mexican Identity Documents Reduced
- Driver's Licence
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- Information regarding sending documents to the DAU for analysis can also be found on this Wiki page.





  
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**Alleged B.C. gang member wanted for murder arrested in Mexico**

QUT Agency  
Published: August 19, 2014 1:34:00 EDT PM

**Cartel connection: How Mexico's drug gangs set up shop in Vancouver**

KIM BOLAN, VANCOUVER SUN 35.01.2015

**B.C. gangsters in over their heads in Mexico**

5 B.C. men killed in Mexico in past 4 years, police say  
BC News - Published: Mar 06, 2012 2:03 AM PT | Last Updated: Mar 06, 2012 2:17 AM PT

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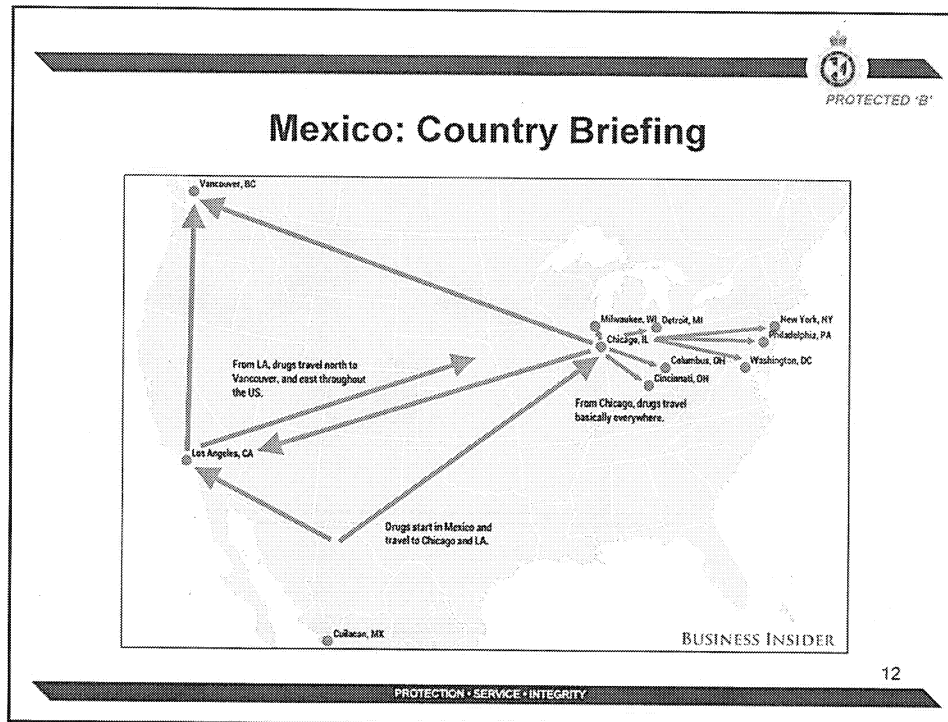
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- Mexico has experienced continued violence over the past decade, primarily due to ongoing drug wars.
- Various high ranking or well-known individuals from these gangs have confirmed links to Mexico, often as a result of attempting to avoid entering/exiting the US where their criminal behavior may result in stiffer penalties. There have also been multiple incidents where local gang members have established Mexican cartel affiliations for the purpose of securing drug lines and/or money laundering.
- Mexican cartel members continue to establish their presence in the Pacific Region, including forging relationships and business lines with local criminal organizations such as the Hells Angels, United Nations (UN), Independent Soldiers and WolfPack.
  - In early 2012, local United Nations (UN) gang member (Salih Abdulaziz SAHBAZ) contact for the cartels, was shot to death while visiting the Sinaloa region. It was reported that SAHBAZ had replaced two UN gang members who were killed back in 2009.
  - A few months later, Thomas GISBY, a high profile BC resident involved in the drug trade for more than 20 years moved to Mexico after a failed attempt on his life in BC. GISBY was shot and killed in a very public targeted hit, at a Starbucks in Neuvo Vallarta. ; he was executed while in the local Starbucks. GISBY had ties to local gangs, including the Hells Angels, as well as


connections to “the Mexicans and Colombians” and was considered to be a key facilitator of moving drugs between countries.

- Another high profile BC resident and full patch White Rock Hells Angel Larry AMERO was arrested in Montreal. Also arrested in Montreal with Amero were BC natives Shane MALONEY and Rabib ALKHALIL. MALONEY had influence at the Port of Montreal as a result of his West End gang association and was reported as spending long periods of time in Vancouver, where he was under surveillance by BC’s Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU). ALKHALIL moved to the Ottawa region after two of his brothers were murdered for their involvement in the BC drug trade; a third brother was ordered deported due to a cocaine trafficking conviction in Ontario. All three men (Amero, Maloney and Alkhalil) were arrested as the alleged kingpins of a cross-country cocaine ring. At the time, it was alleged AMERO was the leader of an international drug smuggling ring that worked with Mexican cartels to import and distribute 75 kg of cocaine per week.
- In August 2014, Cory Vallee, alleged UN gang founder and member was apprehended in Guadalajara, a region in Mexico with deep drug ties. Vallee was on Canada’s and Interpol’s most-wanted lists for murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder. All murder related charges were against rival gang members over control of drug territories.
- The RCMP acknowledges that cartels in recent years are bypassing the middlemen and are looking to establish their presence in the Pacific Region (and Canada). They are also willing to work with established organizations such as the Hells Angels, UN or Middle-Eastern organized crime. When establishing new business lines, cartels will often engage with someone they trust, such as a family member or friend of the family. To the cartels, they are simply expanding their business lines.



- This map, developed based on testimony of former Sinaloa operatives, shows the cartel's distribution network as of the late 2000's. It is uncertain what, if any, impact Joaquín 'El Chapo' Guzmán's capture will have on his Sinaloa's cartel's narcotic distribution network.
- Mexico is the transit zone between the biggest source of drugs and the biggest consumer (US).
- Mexico remains a source country for narcotics, including cocaine, marijuana and prescription medication (heroin, methamphetamine and steroids). Additionally, recent intelligence indicates precursor chemicals are imported from China to Mexico for drug production.
- In the Pacific Region, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana were the top three commodities seized over the past three years with Country of Origin: Mexico (*Source: ICES*)
- Mexico has four container terminals; 2 on the east coast and 2 on the west coast.
- The leading port container in Mexico is the Port of Manzanillo...located on the west coast and provides shipping services to the Pacific Rim, including ports along the US west coast and into Vancouver as well as Hong Kong and China.

- Intelligence indicates the cartel groups are actively seeking control of this port. Control of the Port of Manzanillo is integral to the cartels ability to import precursor chemicals into Mexico for production as well as exportation of the finished product.
- The presence of cartel infiltrating port security also poses a significant integrity concern (internal conspiracy) for shipping containers loaded or discharged at the Port of Manzanillo.

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| <b>Mexico: Country Briefing</b>                             |                    |               |  |
| <b><u>Commercial Importations – Direct from Mexico:</u></b> |                    |               |  |
| <b><u>Air Cargo Shipments</u></b>                           |                    |               |  |
| <b>CCN's</b>  | <b>2014 - 2016</b> | <b>18,901</b> |  |
|   | <b>2016*</b>       | <b>7161</b>   |  |
|   | <b>2015</b>        | <b>6042</b>   |  |
|   | <b>2014</b>        | <b>5698</b>   |  |
| <b><u>Marine Cargo Shipments</u></b>                        |                    |               |  |
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| * Statistics : 2016 to November 15 <sup>th</sup>            |                    |               |  |
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Analysis of commercial imports into the Pacific Region from Mexico identified the Top 4 tariff codes imported for fiscal year 2015/16:

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- Shutters, Curtains and Blinds
- Tires
- Metal balls/couplings



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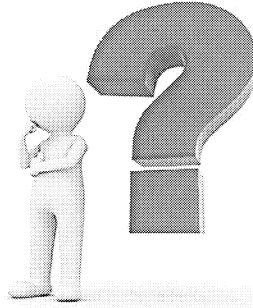
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- BSOs are encouraged to continue completing and submitting ORS reports when individuals, Canadians or foreign nationals, are intercepted or encountered at VIA with suspicious or unusual behaviour.



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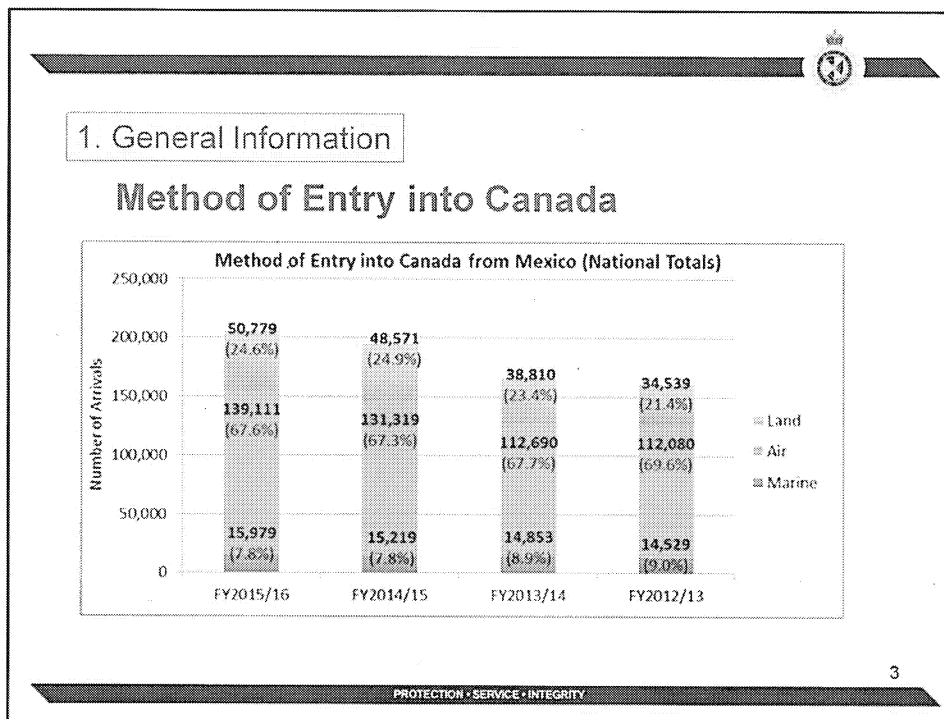







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### Incoming Flights to YVR

#### Direct Flights from Mexico City

| Air Carrier | Flight Code | Destination | Time<br>Arrivals/Departures | Type of Service  | Flight Loads |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Air Canada  | 997         | MEX         | 09:55                       | Daily            | 120          |
| AeroMexico  | 694         | MEX         | 05:33                       | Tues, Thurs, Sat | 160          |
| AeroMexico  | 698         | MEX         | 22:02                       | Daily            | 160          |

#### Charter Flights

| Destination        | Airport code | Airlines        | Flights per week |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cancun             | CUN          | AC, TS, WG, WS, | 13               |
| Huatulco           | HUX          | WG              | 2                |
| Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo | ZIH          | AC              | 1                |
| Manzanillo         | ZLO          | WG              | 1                |
| Mazatlan           | MZT          | WG, WS          | 2                |
| Puerto Vallarta    | PVR          | AC, TS, WG, WS  | 12               |
| San Jose Del Cabo  | SJD          | AC, WG, WS      | 5                |


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| Incoming Flight to Other Pacific Region Airports   |              |                                |                  |
| Victoria International Airport   |              |                                |                  |
| Destination  | Airport code | Airlines                       | Flights per week |
| Puerto Vallarta  | PVR          | West Jet / Transat             | 2                |
| Huatulco   | HUX          | Sunwing                        | 1                |
| Cancun   | CUN          | West Jet / Transat             | 2                |
| San Jose Del Cabo  | SJD          | Sunwing                        | 1                |
| Abbotsford International Airport   |              |                                |                  |
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#### Charter Flights from Prince George Airport

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#### Charter Flights from Comox Valley International Airport

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## 2. Processing

### Irregular Migration

| A44 REPORT (A44s) ISSUED TO CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |                                      |          |        |        |
|--|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|  | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION A44s Issued - By Mode |          |        |        |
|  |          |                | Air                                  | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16  | 408      | 162            | 50                                   | 12       | 0      | 100    |
| 2014/15  | 417      | 154            | 40                                   | 21       | 1      | 92     |
| 2013/14  | 461      | 189            | 42                                   | 24       | 1      | 122    |

| ALLOWED TO LEAVE (ATL) ISSUED TO CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |                                      |          |        |        |
|---|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|   | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION ATLs Issued - By Mode |          |        |        |
|   |          |                | Air                                  | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16   | 2,144    | 290            | 70                                   | 214      | 5      | 1      |
| 2014/15   | 349      | 74             | 37                                   | 37       | 0      | 0      |
| 2013/14   | 216      | 70             | 36                                   | 34       | 0      | 0      |

| NOTICE OF ARREST (NOA) FOR CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |                                      |          |        |        |
|---|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|   | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION NOAs Issued - By Mode |          |        |        |
|   |          |                | Air                                  | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16                                       | 287      | 60             | 7                                    | 1        | 0      | 52     |
| 2014/15                                       | 438      | 60             | 9                                    | 0        | 0      | 51     |
| 2013/14                                       | 518      | 90             | 12                                   | 1        | 0      | 77     |

| REFUGEE CLAIMS MADE BY CITIZENS OF MEXICO |          |                |   |          |        |        |
|---|----------|----------------|---|----------|--------|--------|
|   | NATIONAL | PACIFIC REGION | PACIFIC REGION Refugee Claims - By Mode |          |        |        |
|   |          |                | Air                                     | Land/Hwy | Marine | Inland |
| 2015/16                                   | 48       | 10             | 0                                       | 0        | 0      | 10     |
| 2014/15                                   | 36       | 15             | 4                                       | 6        | 0      | 5      |
| 2013/14                                   | 67       | 15             | 3                                       | 3        | 0      | 9      |

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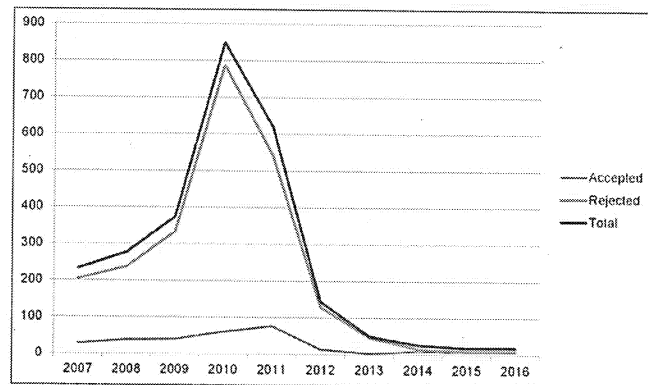
#### *Irregular Migration:*

A review of Immigration related statistics, including Inadmissibility Reporting (A44), Allowed to Leaves, Notice of Arrests and Refugee Claims (made by citizens of Mexico) over the past three fiscal years (2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16). The statistics show the national totals (which include Pacific Region totals) as well as a breakdown of Pacific Region statistics by mode (Air, Land/Highway, Marine and Inland).

It was also reported by IOAD that of the individuals analyzed, the majority (63%) entered Canada via the air mode. It was also noted that 18% entered Canada by eluding reporting to a port of entry (POE) in the area between Douglas and Abbotsford POEs.

## 2. Processing

### Accepted/Rejected Claims (2007-2016)



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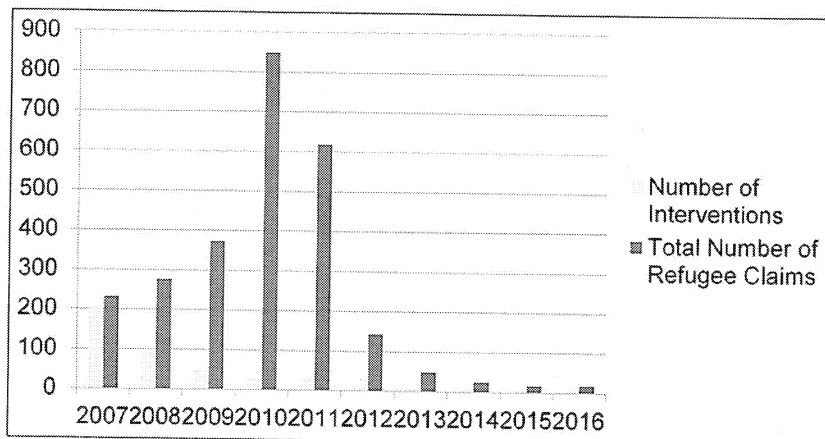
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|      | Accepted | Rejected | Total |
|------|----------|----------|-------|
| 2007 | 28       | 205      | 233   |
| 2008 | 39       | 238      | 277   |
| 2009 | 40       | 334      | 374   |
| 2010 | 61       | 788      | 849   |
| 2011 | 77       | 542      | 619   |
| 2012 | 14       | 129      | 143   |
| 2013 | 4        | 46       | 50    |
| 2014 | 10       | 16       | 26    |
| 2015 | 8        | 10       | 18    |
| 2016 | 9        | 10       | 19    |
|      | 290      | 2318     | 2608  |



## 2. Processing

### Intervention Rates vs. Total Number of Claims

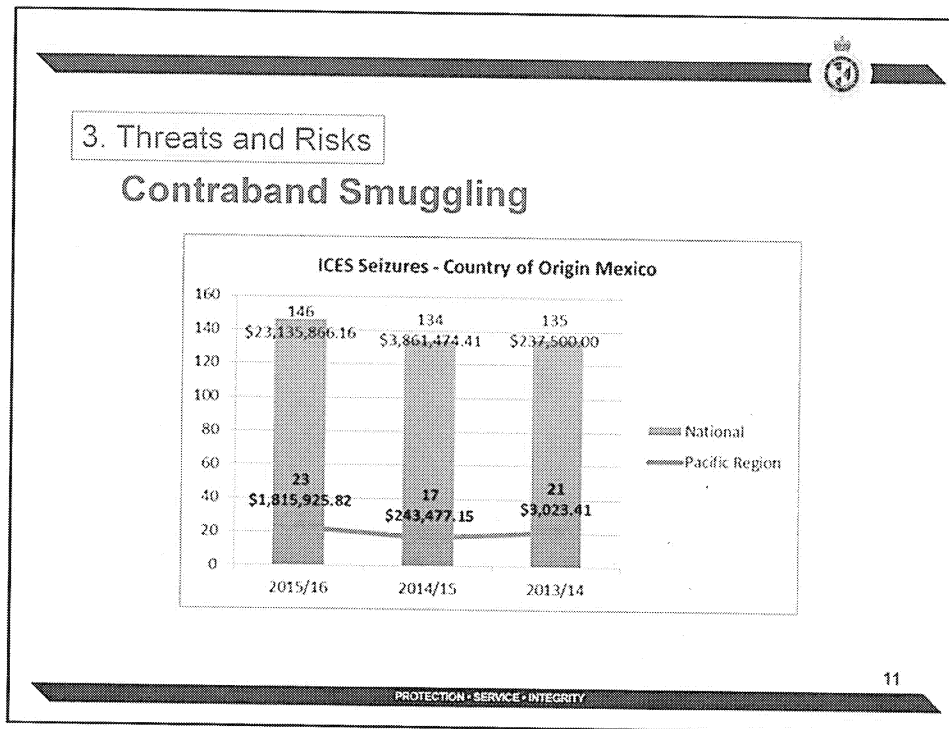


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### 3. Threats and Risks

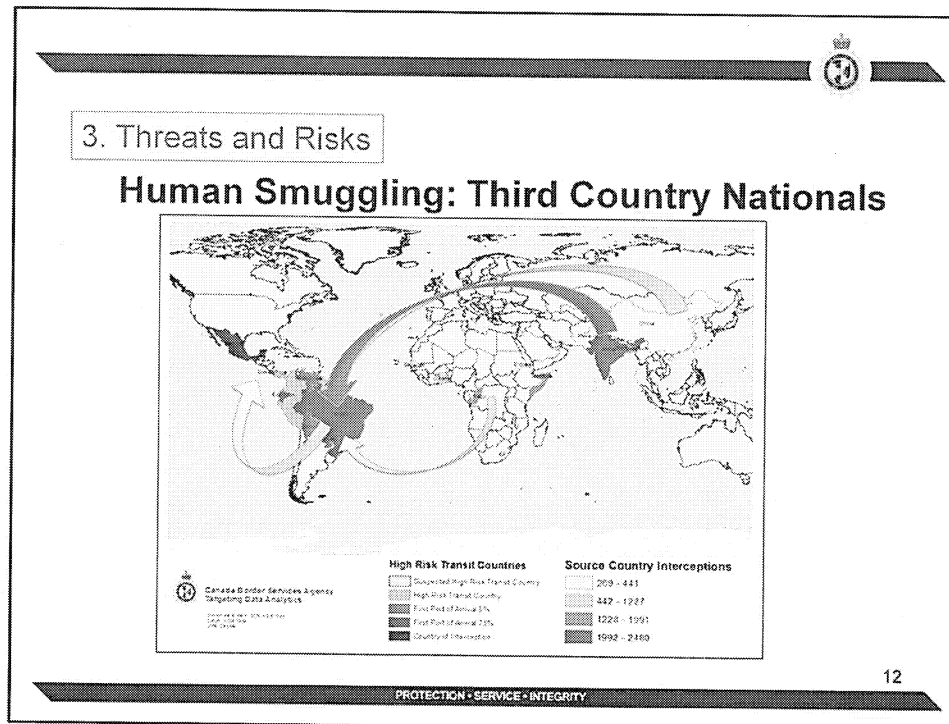
- Contraband Smuggling
- Human Smuggling
- Irregular Migration
- Cartels
- Other Organized Crime
- South American Theft Groups (SATG's)



A review of Integrated Customs Enforcement System (ICES) statistics for the past three fiscal years revealed that on average, the Pacific Region accounted for approximately 15% of all seizures when Country of Origin: Mexico was selected. This past fiscal year (2015/16) reported an increase in the overall number of seizures when compared to the past two fiscal years (2014/15 – 17; 2013/14 – 21) however the total dollar value was significantly higher. This increase in value is attributed to one seizure that took place at the Container Examination Facility (CEF) where CBSA officers located 14.4 kg of cocaine concealed within wood pallets.

2015-PAC-0079: cocaine seizure by Metro Vancouver Commercial Operations. The 14.4 kg of cocaine was concealed within the wood pallets.

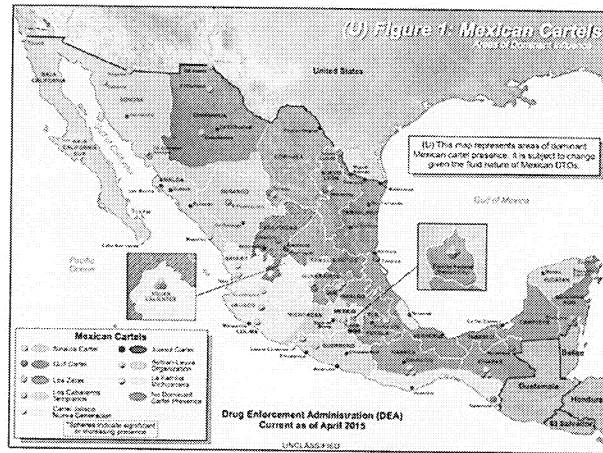
2016-PAC-0049: Pacific Highway Commercial Operations seizure that included 30 kg methamphetamine and one kg each of heroin and cocaine hidden within a pallet of carrots.




- The map shows the Top Ten source countries for Third Country Nationals (TCNs) intercepted in Mexico by Mexican authorities (Mexican Instituto Nacional de migracion) and high risk transit countries used en route to Mexico. Mexico is considered to be a transit hub for TCNs en route to Canada.

### 3. Threats and Risks

#### Cartels





### 3. Threats and Risks

## Organized Crime

**Alleged B.C. gang member wanted for murder arrested in Mexico**

GM Agency  
Tuesday, August 19, 2014 1:04:02 EDT PM

**Cartel connection: How Mexico's drug gangs set up shop in Vancouver**

KIM BOLAN, VANCOUVER SUN 04.08.2012

**B.C. gangsters in over their heads in Mexico**

5 B.C. men killed in Mexico in past 4 years, police say  
CBC News - Posted: Mar 02, 2012 2:08 AM PST | Last updated: Mar 02, 2012 8:17 AM PST

**B.C. gangster Tom Gisby brutally murdered in Mexico**

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- Mexico has experienced continued violence over the past decade, primarily due to ongoing drug wars.
- Various high ranking or well-known individuals from these gangs have confirmed links to Mexico, often as a result of attempting to avoid entering/exiting the US where their criminal behavior may result in stiffer penalties. There have also been multiple incidents where local gang members have established Mexican cartel affiliations for the purpose of securing drug lines and/or money laundering.
- Mexican cartel members continue to establish their presence in the Pacific Region, including forging relationships and business lines with local criminal organizations such as the Hells Angels, United Nations (UN), Independent Soldiers and WolfPack.
  - In early 2012, local United Nations (UN) gang member (Salih Abdulaziz SAHBAZ) contact for the cartels, was shot to death while visiting the Sinaloa region. It was reported that SAHBAZ had replaced two UN gang members who were killed back in 2009.
  - A few months later, Thomas GISBY, a high profile BC resident involved in the drug trade for more than 20 years moved to Mexico after a failed attempt on his life in BC. GISBY was shot and killed in a very public targeted hit, at a Starbucks in Neuvo Vallarta. ; he was executed while in the local Starbucks. GISBY had ties to local gangs, including the Hells Angels, as well as

connections to “the Mexicans and Colombians” and was considered to be a key facilitator of moving drugs between countries.

- Another high profile BC resident and full patch White Rock Hells Angel Larry AMERO was arrested in Montreal. Also arrested in Montreal with Amero were BC natives Shane MALONEY and Rabib ALKHALIL. MALONEY had influence at the Port of Montreal as a result of his West End gang association and was reported as spending long periods of time in Vancouver, where he was under surveillance by BC’s Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU). ALKHALIL moved to the Ottawa region after two of his brothers were murdered for their involvement in the BC drug trade; a third brother was ordered deported due to a cocaine trafficking conviction in Ontario. All three men (Amero, Maloney and Alkhalil) were arrested as the alleged kingpins of a cross-country cocaine ring. At the time, it was alleged AMERO was the leader of an international drug smuggling ring that worked with Mexican cartels to import and distribute 75 kg of cocaine per week.
- In August 2014, Cory Vallee, alleged UN gang founder and member was apprehended in Guadalajara, a region in Mexico with deep drug ties. Vallee was on Canada’s and Interpol’s most-wanted lists for murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder. All murder related charges were against rival gang members over control of drug territories.
- The RCMP acknowledges that cartels in recent years are bypassing the middlemen and are looking to establish their presence in the Pacific Region (and Canada). They are also willing to work with established organizations such as the Hells Angels, UN or Middle-Eastern organized crime. When establishing new business lines, cartels will often engage with someone they trust, such as a family member or friend of the family. To the cartels, they are simply expanding their business lines.




### 3. Threats and Risks

#### South American Theft Groups (SATGs)

- EID holds several files related to SATGs.

- File work ongoing





## 4. Discussion Items

- Safe Third Agreement Exemption
  - Covered in Operational Bulletin PRG-2016-55, *Visa Requirement lifted for Mexican nationals and Safe Third Country Agreement implication*
- NEXUS
- eTA data integrity

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### Safe Third

**Related OB PRG-2016-55,** *Visa Requirement lifted for Mexican nationals and Safe Third Country Agreement implication*

#### Details:

The purpose of this operational bulletin (OB) is to inform you that starting at **00:01 EST on Thursday, December 1, 2016**, Mexican citizens will be visa exempt under paragraph 190(1)(a) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR) and will no longer require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to travel to, or transit Canada.

However, Mexican nationals who are travelling to Canada **by air** will be required to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). If a Mexican national arriving in Canada by air has a valid Canadian visa, an eTA is not required. Mexican nationals travelling to Canada **by land or marine mode** do not require an eTA.

Upon arrival in Canada, all travellers, in all modes, must still present themselves for examination by a border services officer (BSO), and demonstrate that they meet the requirements to enter and/or stay in Canada. If a traveller seeking entry to Canada is not in possession of a required document, or is otherwise inadmissible, the BSO should follow existing procedures as outlined in Immigration Enforcement Manual ENF 4 (PDF, 1311 KB).

#### **Exemption from Canada-United States (U.S.) Safe Third Country Agreement**

Please note that once the visa has been lifted, Mexican nationals will qualify for an exception to the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) and can make a refugee claim at a land port of entry. The STCA exception, outlined in R159.5(g) of the IRPR, is applicable to foreign nationals who are visa exempt to enter Canada, but require a visa to enter the US.

#### **Actions Required by Officers:**


Liaison Officers (LOs) should support air carriers, as usual, to ensure that Mexican nationals are properly documented prior to flying to Canada. LOs must complete a Support System for Intelligence (SSI) report for each and every **fraudulent** interception abroad.

All BSOs in air, land and marine modes, as well as inland officers, **must** enter information into SSI, without delay, regarding **all instances** of and related to the movement of improperly documented arrivals in Canada, claimants for refugee protection in Canada, and other irregular migrants. This includes foreign nationals who are issued a Temporary Resident Permit to overcome their inadmissibility, or foreign nationals who withdraw their application to enter Canada under section 42 of IRPR and leave immediately.

When applicable, BSOs must ensure that the "Transportation Violation" field reflects the proper violation in their SSI report.

For additional information on SSI Reports, refer the Policy on the Use of the Support System for Intelligence and PRG-2016-49.

## NEXUS



5. Operational Readiness

- NTC Targeting
- Pacific Region Intelligence Section
- Pacific Region Inland Enforcement Section
- Ports of Entry
- International Region
- Training
- Stakeholder Engagement

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## NTC Targeting

Key challenges identified  
Indicators of Illicit Migration  
Risk Scenarios

## Pac Region Intelligence Section

Analytics  
Projects

## Inland

Triage  
Interventions  
Immigration Investigation Priorities  
Removals

## Ports of Entry

-VIA – Operational Plan

## International Region

- LO's in Mexico

## Training

- IGR
- Indicators
- NTC
- Interview Skills
- Q&A tools
- CHS
- Country briefing



## 5. Operational Readiness

### NTC Passenger Targeting – High Risk Targeting Indicators

#### Targeting Alert


- Key challenges identified by NTC
- High risk targeting indicators







## 6. Reporting

- Daily National Situation Reports
- Intelligence Check-in: Trends (January)
- ID & MDR Check-in: Profile and Volume of Refugee Claims (January)



7. Additional Resources

## Pacific Region Intelligence Reports

- PRIS wiki page
  - 2016-PAC-0023: *Country Brief Mexico*  
  
Adobe Acrobat Document
  - 2016-PAC-0053: *Cartel Associates – VIA – Possible emerging trend*  
  
Adobe Acrobat Document

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NTC, IOAD, IR reporting on Mexico can be found on the wiki.

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Leveé de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b>                    |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 2, 2016   Le 2 décembre 2016</b>                         |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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| Departure City     | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City        | 7                        | 5                         | 1                    | 17                               | 10                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun             | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 1                                  | 0                            |
| Puerto Vallarta    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel            | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>7</b>                 | <b>5</b>                  | <b>1</b>             | <b>17</b>                        | <b>11</b>                          | <b>1</b>                     |



- During flight monitoring, CBSA Mexico intercepted a Mexican national on December 1, 2016 attempting to board Air Canada flight 992 to Toronto. The passenger had previous visa refusals, an eTA and was intending to immigrate without a visa.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 1) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 0                      | 59                             |
|                   | Inland | 0                      | 9                              |
| IRCC              | Inland | 0                      | 78                             |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 0                      | 146                            |

Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 1) |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE        | 0                      | 165                            |
| Inland     | 0                      | 99                             |
| CBSA Total | 0                      | 264                            |

Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 1) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3                      | 1,972                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 1) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| N/A*                   | 624                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 1) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| N/A*                   | 19,229                         |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 1) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| N/A*                   | 155                            |

\*Reports unavailable at time of publication

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Annulation du visa obligatoire pour le Mexique</b>                |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 5, 2016   Le 5 décembre 2016</b>                         |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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**INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL**

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City     | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City        | 5                        | 1                         | 0                    | 22                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun             | 1                        | 1                         | 1                    | 1                                | 2                                  | 1                            |
| Puerto Vallarta    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel            | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>6</b>                 | <b>2</b>                  | <b>1</b>             | <b>23</b>                        | <b>13</b>                          | <b>2</b>                     |

- CBSA Mexico intercepted a suspected impostor on a French Passport on December 4, 2016 attempting to board Air Canada flight 1813 to Toronto.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 4) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 1                      | 60                             |
|                   | Inland | 0                      | 9                              |
| IRCC              | Inland | 0                      | 78                             |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 1                      | 147                            |

Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 4) |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE        | 1                      | 166                            |
| Inland     | 3                      | 102                            |
| CBSA Total | 4                      | 268                            |

Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 4) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 19                     | 1,988                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 4) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| N/A                    | 644                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 4) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| N/A                    | 19,254                         |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 4) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| N/A                    | 156                            |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                 |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 6, 2016   Le 6 décembre 2016</b>                         |
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## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City  | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 2                        | 0                         | 0                    | 24                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 1                         | 1                    | 1                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |

|                    |          |          |          |           |           |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Cozumel            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b> |

- CBSA Mexico intercepted a Mexican national on 5 December 2016 intending to immigrate to Canada without a valid visa on Westjet flight 2057 destined for Vancouver. Subject has a criminal history and has been deported twice from the USA. This information was not known at time of eTA issuance.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization                 | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 5) |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA                         | POE    | 1                      | 60                             |
|                              | Inland | 0                      | 9                              |
| IRCC                         | Inland | 3                      | 81                             |
| <b>CBSA &amp; IRCC Total</b> |        | <b>4</b>               | <b>150</b>                     |

Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode              | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 5) |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE               | 4                      | 169                            |
| Inland            | 5                      | 104                            |
| <b>CBSA Total</b> | <b>9</b>               | <b>273</b>                     |

Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 5) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20                     | 1,989                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 5) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 27                     | 649                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 5) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 44                     | 19,259                         |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 5) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3                      | 157                            |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b>                    |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 7, 2016   Le 7 décembre 2016</b>                         |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 24                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 1                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |



|                    |          |          |          |           |           |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Cozumel            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b> |

- CBSA Mexico did not receive any calls for the period of December 6-7, 07:00am to 07:00am.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization                 | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 6) |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA                         | POE    | 1                      | 60                             |
|                              | Inland | 1                      | 10                             |
| IRCC                         | Inland | 3                      | 81                             |
| <b>CBSA &amp; IRCC Total</b> |        | <b>5</b>               | <b>151</b>                     |

Number of 44\* Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode              | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 6) |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE               | 10                     | 175                            |
| Inland            | 7                      | 106                            |
| <b>CBSA Total</b> | <b>17</b>              | <b>281</b>                     |

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Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 6) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 24                     | 1,993                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 6) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 42                     | 664                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 6) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 59                     | 19,274                         |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 6) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3                      | 157                            |

- No significant enforcement or issues encountered at Ports of Entry.

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Leveé de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b>                    |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 8, 2016   Le 8 décembre 2016</b>                         |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City  | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 1                        | 0                         | 0                    | 25                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 1                        | 0                         | 0                    | 2                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |

|                    |          |          |          |           |           |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b> |
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- N/A

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization                 | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 7) |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA                         | POE    | 1                      | 60                             |
|                              | Inland | 1                      | 10                             |
| IRCC                         | Inland | 3                      | 81                             |
| <b>CBSA &amp; IRCC Total</b> |        | <b>5</b>               | <b>151</b>                     |

Number of 44\* Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode              | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 7) |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE               | 11                     | 176                            |
| Inland            | 9                      | 108                            |
| <b>CBSA Total</b> | <b>20</b>              | <b>284</b>                     |

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Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 7) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 26                     | 1,995                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 7) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 51                     | 673                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 7) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 61                     | 19,276                         |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 7) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3                      | 157                            |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b>                    |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 9, 2016   Le 9 décembre 2016</b>                         |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 1                        | 0                         | 0                    | 26                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 2                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |

|                    |          |          |          |           |           |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|

- No significant event to report.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization                 | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CBSA                         | POE    | 1                      | 60                             |
|                              | Inland | 1                      | 10                             |
| IRCC                         | Inland | 3                      | 81                             |
| <b>CBSA &amp; IRCC Total</b> |        | <b>5</b>               | <b>151</b>                     |

Number of 44\* Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode              | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| POE               | 11                     | 176                            |
| Inland            | 11                     | 110                            |
| <b>CBSA Total</b> | <b>22</b>              | <b>286</b>                     |

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Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 30                     | 1,999                          |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 55                     | 677                            |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 86                     | 19,301                         |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 8) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3                      | 157                            |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b><br><b>Leveé de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b> |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b>         |
| <b>December 12, 2016   Le 12 décembre 2016</b><br><b>14:00 ET / HE</b>       |

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**INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL**

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 8                        | 0                         | 0                    | 34                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 3                        | 0                         | 0                    | 5                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |

|                    |           |          |          |           |           |          |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b> |
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## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

#### Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization                 | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 11) |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CBSA                         | POE    | 10                     | 69                              |
|                              | Inland | 1                      | 10                              |
| IRCC                         | Inland | 5                      | 83                              |
| <b>CBSA &amp; IRCC Total</b> |        | <b>16</b>              | <b>162</b>                      |

#### Number of 44\* Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode              | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 11) |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| POE               | 14                     | 179                             |
| Inland            | 11                     | 110                             |
| <b>CBSA Total</b> | <b>25</b>              | <b>289</b>                      |

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#### Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 11) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 67                     | 2,036                           |

### Facilitation:

#### Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 11) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 75                     | 697                             |

#### Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 11) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 100                    | 19,314                          |

#### Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 11) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7                      | 161                             |

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| <b>Leveé de l'obligation de visa pour Mexique</b>                    |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 13, 2016   Le 13 décembre 2016</b>                       |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 3                        | 0                         | 0                    | 37                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 5                                | 3                                  | 2                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |

|                    |          |          |          |           |           |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3</b> |
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## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization                 | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 12) |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CBSA                         | POE    | 13                     | 72                              |
|                              | Inland | 1                      | 10                              |
| IRCC                         | Inland | 6                      | 84                              |
| <b>CBSA &amp; IRCC Total</b> |        | <b>20</b>              | <b>166</b>                      |

Number of 44\* Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode              | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 12) |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| POE               | 27                     | 192                             |
| Inland            | 11                     | 110                             |
| <b>CBSA Total</b> | <b>38</b>              | <b>302</b>                      |

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Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 12) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 63                     | 2,032                           |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 12) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 84                     | 706                             |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 12) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 105                    | 19,319                          |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 12) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9                      | 163                             |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                 |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 14, 2016   Le 14 décembre 2016</b>                       |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 37                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun             | 1                        | 1                         | 1                    | 6                                | 4                                  | 3                            |
| Puerto Vallarta    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel            | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1</b>                 | <b>1</b>                  | <b>1</b>             | <b>43</b>                        | <b>15</b>                          | <b>4</b>                     |



- CBSA Mexico intercepted a suspected immigrant without a visa on a Mexican Passport on December 14, 2016 attempting to board WestJet flight WS2313 to Calgary.

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

#### Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 13) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 16                     | 75                              |
|                   | Inland | 1                      | 10                              |
| IRCC              | Inland | 6                      | 84                              |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 23                     | 169                             |

#### Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 13) |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| POE        | 30                     | 195                             |
| Inland     | 12                     | 111                             |
| CBSA Total | 42                     | 306                             |

#### Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 13) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 72                     | 2,041                           |

### Facilitation:

#### Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 13) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 89                     | 711                             |

#### Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 13) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 111                    | 19,325                          |

#### Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 13) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9                      | 163                             |

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| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                 |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 15, 2016   Le 15 décembre 2016</b>                       |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 37                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 6                                | 4                                  | 3                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Grand Total     | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 43                               | 15                                 | 4                            |

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 14) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 24                     | 83                              |
|                   | Inland | 1                      | 10                              |
| IRCC              | Inland | 6                      | 84                              |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 31                     | 177                             |

Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 14) |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| POE        | 33                     | 198                             |
| Inland     | 12                     | 111                             |
| CBSA Total | 45                     | 309                             |

Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 14) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 76                     | 2,045                           |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 14) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 92                     | 714                             |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 14) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 115                    | 19,329                          |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 14) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9                      | 163                             |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                 |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 16, 2016   Le 16 décembre 2016</b>                       |
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#### INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City     | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 37                               | 11                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun             | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 7                                | 3                                  | 3                            |
| Puerto Vallarta    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel            | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>             | <b>44</b>                        | <b>14</b>                          | <b>4</b>                     |

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

#### Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 15) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 27                     | 86                              |
|                   | Inland | 1                      | 10                              |
| IRCC              | Inland | 6                      | 84                              |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 34                     | 180                             |

#### Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 15) |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| POE        | 35                     | 200                             |
| Inland     | 13                     | 112                             |
| CBSA Total | 48                     | 312                             |

#### Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 15) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 83                     | 2,052                           |

### Facilitation:

#### Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 15) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 100                    | 722                             |

#### Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 15) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 120                    | 19,334                          |

#### Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 15) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9                      | 163                             |

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| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                 |
| <b>Daily Performance Report   Rapport quotidien sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 19, 2016   Le 19 décembre 2016</b>                       |
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#### INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City     | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City        | 1                        | 1                         | 0                    | 38                               | 12                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun             | 4                        | 0                         | 0                    | 11                               | 3                                  | 3                            |
| Puerto Vallarta    | 2                        | 3                         | 0                    | 2                                | 3                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel            | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>7</b>                 | <b>4</b>                  | <b>0</b>             | <b>51</b>                        | <b>18</b>                          | <b>4</b>                     |



## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 18) |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CBSA              | POE    | 30                     | 89                              |
|                   | Inland | 1                      | 10                              |
| IRCC              | Inland | 6                      | 84                              |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        | 37                     | 183                             |

Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode       | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 18) |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| POE        | 43                     | 208                             |
| Inland     | 13                     | 112                             |
| CBSA Total | 56                     | 320                             |

Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 18) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 112                    | 2,081                           |

### Facilitation:

Number of Visitor Records issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 18) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 121                    | 743                             |

Number of Work Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 18) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 142                    | 19,356                          |

Number of Temporary Resident Permits issued to Mexican Nationals

| Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 18) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 13                     | 167                             |

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| <b>Mexico Visa Lift</b>  |
| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                     |
| <b>Weekly Performance Report   Rapport hebdomadaire sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 23, 2016   Le 23 décembre 2016</b>                           |
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## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Weekly Mexico Liaison Officer reporting December 19-22, 2016

| Departure City     | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City        | 1                        | 2                         | 0                    | 39                               | 14                                 | 1                            |
| Cancun             | 8                        | 7                         | 0                    | 19                               | 10                                 | 3                            |
| Puerto Vallarta    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 2                                | 3                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos          | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel            | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>9</b>                 | <b>9</b>                  | <b>0</b>             | <b>60</b>                        | <b>27</b>                          | <b>4</b>                     |



## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

#### Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Regions           | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date<br>(as of December 22) |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| CBSA              | Inland | QC                |                        | 1                                      |
|                   |        | GTA               |                        | 1                                      |
|                   |        | PAC               | 1                      | 8                                      |
|                   |        | CBSA Inland Total | 1                      | 10                                     |
|                   | POE    | ATL               |                        |  |
|                   |        | QC                | 9                      | 32                                     |
|                   |        | NOR               | 1                      | 7                                      |
|                   |        | GTA               | 20                     | 27                                     |
|                   |        | SOR               |                        | 7                                      |
|                   |        | PRA               | 2                      | 4                                      |
|                   |        | PAC               | 9                      | 23                                     |
|                   |        | CBSA POE Total    | 41                     | 100                                    |
| IRCC              | Inland | Eastern           | 5                      | 34                                     |
|                   |        | Ontario           | 3                      | 30                                     |
|                   |        | Western           |                        | 22                                     |
|                   |        | IRCC Total        | 8                      | 86                                     |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        |                   | 50                     | 196                                    |

#### Number of 44 Reports issued to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode                | Regions | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date<br>(as of Dec. 22) |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| POE                 | ATL     |                        |                                    |
|                     | QC      | 15                     | 65                                 |
|                     | NOR     |                        | 1                                  |
|                     | GTA     | 4                      | 12                                 |
|                     | SOR     |                        | 14                                 |
|                     | PRA     | 1                      | 14                                 |
|                     | PAC     | 33                     | 112                                |
| <b>POE Total</b>    |         | <b>53</b>              | <b>218</b>                         |
| Inland              | ATL     |                        | 1                                  |
|                     | QC      | 4                      | 15                                 |
|                     | NOR     |                        |                                    |
|                     | GTA     | 9                      | 26                                 |
|                     | SOR     |                        | 15                                 |
|                     | PRA     |                        | 8                                  |
|                     | PAC     | 6                      | 53                                 |
| <b>Inland Total</b> |         | <b>19</b>              | <b>118</b>                         |
| <b>CBSA Total</b>   |         | <b>72</b>              | <b>336</b>                         |

### Number of Allowed to Leaves issued (No 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Regions      | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 22) |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ATL          |                        | 19                              |
| QC           | 1                      | 44                              |
| NOR          |                        | 32                              |
| GTA          | 62                     | 161                             |
| SOR          | 10                     | 1,349                           |
| PRA          | 13                     | 101                             |
| PAC          | 51                     | 399                             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>137</b>             | <b>2,105</b>                    |

### Facilitation:

### Number of Facilitation Permits issued by the CBSA at POEs to Mexican Nationals

| Facilitation                            | Region | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 22) |
|---|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Visitor Records                         | ATL    | 2                      | 9                               |
|   | QC     | 12                     | 119                             |
|   | NOR    | 6                      | 18                              |
|   | GTA    | 48                     | 219                             |
|   | SOR    | 6                      | 53                              |
|   | PRA    | 39                     | 215                             |
|   | PAC    | 29                     | 131                             |
| <b>Total Visitor Records</b>            |        | <b>142</b>             | <b>764</b>                      |
| Work Permits                            | ATL    | 2                      | 28                              |
|   | QC     | 24                     | 4,887                           |
|   | NOR    |                        | 9                               |
|   | GTA    | 105                    | 9,193                           |
|   | SOR    | 6                      | 84                              |
|   | PRA    | 18                     | 340                             |
|   | PAC    | 26                     | 4,854                           |
| <b>Total Work Permits</b>               |        | <b>181</b>             | <b>19,395</b>                   |
| Temporary Resident Permits              | ATL    |                        | 1                               |
|   | QC     | 1                      | 10                              |
|   | NOR    |                        | 4                               |
|   | GTA    | 6                      | 48                              |
|   | SOR    | 1                      | 19                              |
|   | PRA    | 2                      | 15                              |
|   | PAC    | 5                      | 72                              |
| <b>Total Temporary Resident Permits</b> |        | <b>15</b>              | <b>169</b>                      |

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| <b>Levée de l'obligation de visa pour le Mexique</b>                     |
| <b>Weekly Performance Report   Rapport hebdomadaire sur le rendement</b> |
| <b>December 30, 2016   Le 30 décembre 2016</b>                           |
| <b>14:00 ET / HE</b>   |

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## INTERNATIONAL | INTERNATIONAL

Daily Liaison Officer reporting since December 1, 2016

| Departure City  | Enquiries related to eTA | Enquires related to fraud | Number of Intercepts | Enquiries related to eTA to date | Enquiries related to fraud to date | Number of Intercepts to date |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mexico City     | 15                       | 13                        | 1                    | 54                               | 27                                 | 2                            |
| Cancun          | 15                       | 0                         | 0                    | 34                               | 10                                 | 3                            |
| Puerto Vallarta | 4                        | 0                         | 0                    | 6                                | 3                                  | 0                            |
| Los Cabos       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Cozumel         | 0                        | 0                         | 0                    | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                            |
| Grand Total     | 34                       | 13                        | 1                    | 94                               | 40                                 | 5                            |

## PORT OF ENTRY PROCESSING | TRAITEMENT DES PORTS D'ENTRÉE

### Enforcement:

Number of Refugee Claims made by Mexican Nationals

| Organization      | Mode   | Regions           | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date<br>(as of December 29) |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| CBSA              | Inland | QC                | 1                      | 2                                      |
|                   |        | GTA               |                        | 1                                      |
|                   |        | PAC               | 1                      | 8                                      |
|                   |        | CBSA Inland Total | 2                      | 11                                     |
|                   | POE    | ATL               |                        |  |
|                   |        | QC                | 24                     | 47                                     |
|                   |        | NOR               | 1                      | 7                                      |
|                   |        | GTA               | 23                     | 30                                     |
|                   |        | SOR               | 1                      | 8                                      |
|                   |        | PRA               | 2                      | 4                                      |
|                   |        | PAC               | 9                      | 23                                     |
|                   |        | CBSA POE Total    | 60                     | 119                                    |
| IRCC              | Inland | Eastern           | 5                      | 34                                     |
|                   |        | Ontario           | 3                      | 30                                     |
|                   |        | Western           |                        | 22                                     |
|                   |        | IRCC Total        | 8                      | 86                                     |
| CBSA & IRCC Total |        |                   | 70                     | 216                                    |

Source: CIC EDW – Refugee Claims

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Number of 44 Reports issued by the CBSA to Mexican Nationals (excluding refugee Claims)

| Mode                | Regions | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date<br>(as of Dec. 29) |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| POE                 | ATL     |                        |                                    |
|                     | QC      | 27                     | 77                                 |
|                     | NOR     |                        | 1                                  |
|                     | GTA     | 5                      | 13                                 |
|                     | SOR     |                        | 14                                 |
|                     | PRA     | 2                      | 15                                 |
|                     | PAC     | 44                     | 123                                |
| <b>POE Total</b>    |         | <b>78</b>              | <b>243</b>                         |
| Inland              | ATL     |                        | 1                                  |
|                     | QC      | 4                      | 15                                 |
|                     | NOR     |                        |                                    |
|                     | GTA     | 9                      | 26                                 |
|                     | SOR     |                        | 15                                 |
|                     | PRA     |                        | 8                                  |
|                     | PAC     | 6                      | 53                                 |
| <b>Inland Total</b> |         | <b>19</b>              | <b>118</b>                         |
| <b>CBSA Total</b>   |         | <b>97</b>              | <b>361</b>                         |

Source: CIC EDW – Enforcement – Inadmissible

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Number of Allowed to Leaves issued by the CBSA at Inland Offices and POEs (without 44 Report) to Mexican Nationals

| Regions      | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 29) |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ATL          |                        | 19                              |
| QC           | 2                      | 45                              |
| NOR          |                        | 32                              |
| GTA          | 80                     | 179                             |
| SOR          | 19                     | 1,358                           |
| PRA          | 15                     | 103                             |
| PAC          | 59                     | 407                             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>175</b>             | <b>2,143</b>                    |

Source: CIC EDW – Enforcement – Allowed to Leave

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**Facilitation:**

Number of Facilitation Permits issued by the CBSA at POEs to Mexican Nationals

| Facilitation                            | Region | Since December 1, 2016 | FY Year to Date (as of Dec. 29) |
|---|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Visitor Records                         | ATL    | 3                      | 10                              |
|   | QC     | 17                     | 124                             |
|   | NOR    | 7                      | 11                              |
|   | GTA    | 75                     | 246                             |
|   | SOR    | 12                     | 59                              |
|   | PRA    | 44                     | 220                             |
|   | PAC    | 37                     | 139                             |
| <b>Total Visitor Records</b>            |        | <b>195</b>             | <b>817</b>                      |
| Work Permits                            | ATL    | 2                      | 28                              |
|   | QC     | 28                     | 4,891                           |
|   | NOR    | 2                      | 11                              |
|   | GTA    | 667                    | 9,755                           |
|   | SOR    | 7                      | 85                              |
|   | PRA    | 23                     | 345                             |
|   | PAC    | 154                    | 4,982                           |
| <b>Total Work Permits</b>               |        | <b>883</b>             | <b>20,097</b>                   |
| Temporary Resident Permits              | ATL    |                        | 1                               |
|   | QC     | 1                      | 10                              |
|   | NOR    |                        | 4                               |
|   | GTA    | 8                      | 50                              |
|   | SOR    | 1                      | 19                              |
|   | PRA    | 2                      | 15                              |
|   | PAC    | 8                      | 75                              |
| <b>Total Temporary Resident Permits</b> |        | <b>20</b>              | <b>174</b>                      |

Source: CIC EDW – TRP – WP – SP

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## **Mexico visa lift: Impact on Immigration pre-arrival risk assessment activities at the National Targeting Centre**

### **Targeting Intelligence National Targeting Centre Canada Border Services Agency**

**November 09, 2016**

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**TI Product #0190-2016-17**

**Jason Ellis- Senior Intelligence Analyst**

#### **Enforcement and Intelligence Priority:**

Human Smuggling, and International Human Trafficking.

#### **National Targeting Centre Priority:**

Human Smuggling, Human Trafficking, Immigration  
Fraud, Organized Crime, and Imposters, non bona fides.

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## Targeting Intelligence – National Targeting Centre

### Mexico visa lift: Impact on Immigration pre-arrival risk assessment activities at the National Targeting Centre

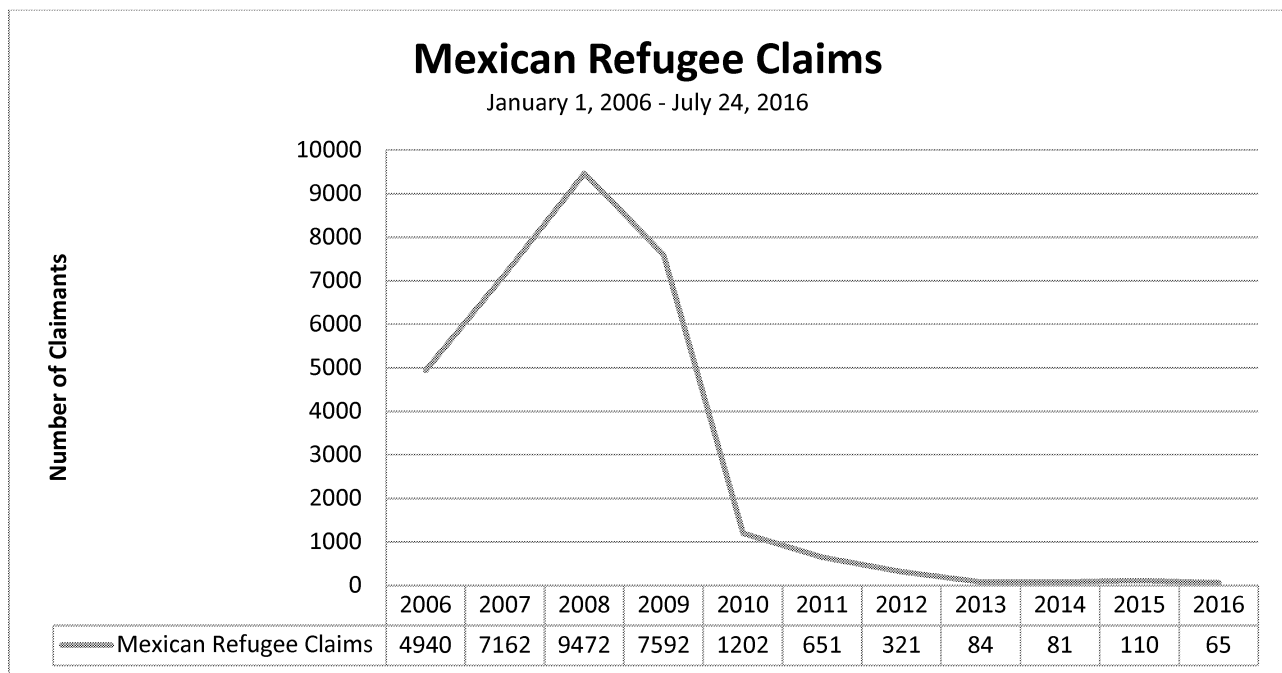
#### Purpose:

On December 1, 2016 the removal of Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) requirements on Mexican nationals is expected to result in a multitude of challenges impacting the Canada Border Services Agency's (CBSA) operations related to the commercial air passenger mode. This document summarizes key threat areas related to pre-arrival risk assessment of travellers at the National Targeting Centre (NTC).

#### Background:

Due to the increase in the number of refugee claimants from Mexico, Canada imposed Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) requirements on Mexican nationals travelling to Canada in 2009. The TRV requirement caused the total number of refugee claimants to drop from 9472 in 2008 to 651 in 2011; a 93% reduction (see Table 1 below). In February 2013 Mexico was added to the Designated Country of Origin (DCO) list that includes countries that do not normally generate refugees and that respect human rights, thus leading to a lower acceptance rate at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). This resulted in the number of refugee claimants dropping further to 84 in 2013 (see Figure 1 below).

Figure 1: Mexico - Mexican Refugee Claims from Jan 1, 2006 to July 24, 2016



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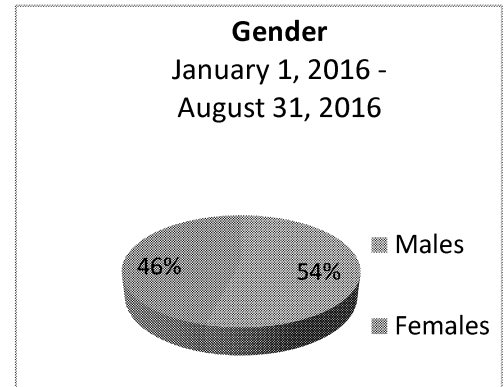


The CBSA Regions that received the largest numbers of Mexican refugee claimants are Quebec Region (56% of the total claims), Greater Toronto Area Region (28% of the total claims), and Pacific Region (9% of the total claims) in the past 10 years (see Figure 2 below). Due to the number of international flights between Mexico and the 3 previously mentioned regions it is predicted that they will continue to see the largest portion of claims made post visa lift.

### **Profile of Mexican Refugee Claimants:**

Mexico is currently ranked 41<sup>st</sup> as the top source country for refugee claimants according to the Refugee Claims Analysis Report (RCAR) for the period January through June 2016, and was ranked 35<sup>th</sup> overall on the 2015 RCAR. There have been 103 refugee claims filed by Mexican nationals for the period January 1 to August 31, 2016: of these 54% were male compared to 46% female, 37% were minors, 84% claimed to have entered Canada by air, and 81% had been issued a TRV. Major push factors for Mexican nationals attempting travel to Canada to initiate a claim for refugee protection is the widespread corruption, violence associated to narcotics trafficking and the Cartels, wide spread activities of human smuggling groups, and poor economic prospects in their home country.

There are currently 12 airports in Mexico with direct service to Canada; the number of airports and flight volumes are expected to increase following the visa lift. Canada experiences a significant increase in flight routes and frequencies during the winter “vacation charter” season typically from mid-November through March. The December date for the visa coinciding with charter season will allow for greater access to flights to Canada by Mexican nationals. The International Region (IR) Liaison Office (LO) in Mexico reports that the most frequently utilized flights by irregular migrants are flights from Mexico City (MEX) are as follows:



| Air Carrier | Port of Entry |
|-------------|---------------|
| AM680       | YUL           |
| AM692       | YYZ           |
| AC992       | YYZ           |

### **Mexican Visa Restoration:**

It has been indicated by the Canadian government that if the number of refugee claims exceeds 3,500 in any 12 month period that the visa restrictions on Mexican nationals will be again imposed<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> CBC News June 23, 2016: [Lifting Mexican visa rules run counter to official advice.](#)



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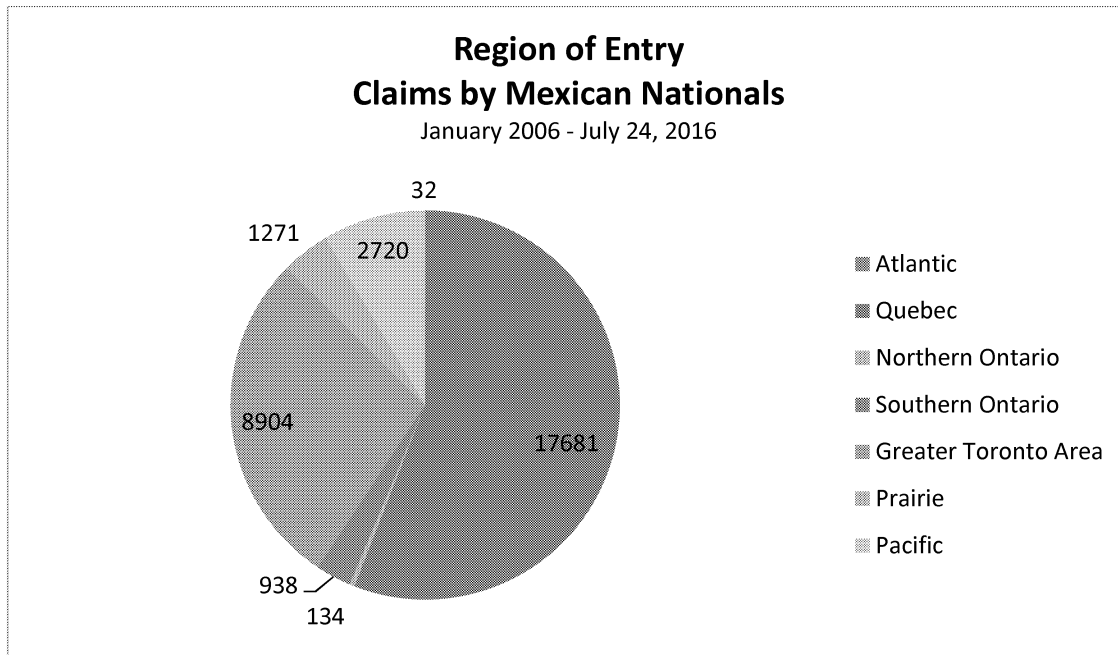
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Figure 2: Mexican Refugee Claims from January 1, 2006 to July 24, 2016 by CBSA Region



\* Data included in Figures 1 and 2 was provided by the Performance Reporting Unit (PRU) from the CIC DWS

### Summary Threat Analysis:

One of the main areas of concern impacting operations at the NTC will be the increased volume of passengers that will need to be risk assessed by Targeting Travellers prior to arrival. The removal of TRV requirements for Mexican nationals is expected to increase the number of Mexican nationals travelling to Canada, and the airline industry plans an expansion of flight routes between the two countries<sup>2</sup>. The expected increase in passenger volumes from Mexico with diminished pre-border scrutiny (screening done for TRV versus Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)) will result in an elevated risk posed by serious transnational crime groups in relation to violations of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) and the *Customs Act* (CA).

### Risk Factors encountered during pre-arrival targeting

<sup>2</sup> YVR Airport Authority Press Release September 9, 2016: [Mas Mexico! Aeromexico adds more flights to Vancouver.](#)

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### **Conclusion:**

It is anticipated that the lifting of the Mexico visa requirement for travel to Canada will have a dramatic impact on both the operations at the National Targeting Centre and at the various CBSA Ports of Entry.

Targeting Intelligence will continue to support Targeting Traveller and Port of Entry interdiction efforts through the provision of timely intelligence information to support the risk assessment process in the pre-arrival identification of illicit migration efforts.

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